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TARIFF AUTONOMY FOR CHINA.

FOREIGN SECRETARY'S REVIEW.

UNITY, NO DISCRIMINATION, AND—HOPE.

HANKOW & KIUKIANG.

London, Feb. 8.
A long statement on Chinese affairs was made by Sir Austen Chamberlain to-day, when the House of Commons resumed the debate on the Address in Reply to the King's Speech.

Sir Austen re-affirmed that the British policy in China was animated by goodwill and friendship for China, and its aspirations. It was most difficult to carry out that policy while the Chinese were unable to provide a stable and settled Government but he declared that some progress had been made.

In view of the long delay in carrying out the compromise on the Washington Convention, Sir Austen said Britain was not justified in withholding consent to the collection of the 2½ per cent. surtax. Britain and China were agreed in that respect, but the Government objected to the illegal levies over and above those surtaxes. The levies were cropping up all over China.

Tariff Autonomy.

Britain, he went on, would not object to tariff autonomy based on a uniform national tariff, which did not discriminate against British merchants and which was administered fairly. It was for the Chinese themselves to agree upon this important question and when they came to an agreement—he was happy to say that lately there had been some signs of such an agreement—then Britain would help them and would not adopt an obstructive attitude.

Chinese Code Half-Complete.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, referring to extra-territoriality, said that here similarly, we had made progress in face of difficulties. We were ready to apply the existing modern Chinese Civil and Commercial Code in the British Courts, but as the Chinese codes were by no means complete, it was hardly possible to make a further advance in this direction of surrendering our existing rights.

It could not be done while the system was still but half-complete and suffering from the division of authority.

The third branch of the British programme, the Foreign Secretary continued, was to surrender our special rights in the British Concessions. He wished he could give a more satisfactory account of the state of affairs in Hankow and Kiukiang since the surrender of those Concessions.

Non-discharge of Obligations.

The chaotic civil war had immensely impeded the Chinese in efficiently discharging the obligations devolving upon them from the moment we surrendered any of those privileges. He could only watch the development of affairs and proceed along the path indicated as circumstances might render further progress possible.

Sir Austen Chamberlain stated that the Shanghai Defence Force had already been reduced until it was now only 4,500 men strong. Orders had been given for the withdrawal of another battalion.

Time Not Yet Come.

He would be most happy when conditions of order and security enabled the Government to order total withdrawal, but he declared that that time had not yet come. He regretted the failure of any Chinese authority up to the present to give satisfaction for the outrages at Nanking.

Even at the present moment, Chinese troops wrongfully and unlawfully had occupied the British Consulate. The situation, however, was undoubtedly better than last year, the anti-British character of the agitation had changed, and the Chinese were beginning to acquire a better appreciation of the goodwill of the British Government and the British people.

London, Feb. 8.
Sir Austen Chamberlain joined with the Premier in grateful recognition of the Ministers belonging to the Democratic Party.—*Reuter.*

ATTEMPT ON LIFE OF C. C. WU.

DR. LIM BOON-KENG WOUNDED IN SAME ATTACK.

STRAITS SENSATION.

Singapore, Feb. 8.
Dr. C. C. Wu, the prominent Kuomintang member and former Foreign Minister in the Nanking Government, who is at present here with other Nationalist leaders on a world tour, was fired on when leaving the Chinese Chamber of Commerce building, but was not injured.

Dr. Lim Boon-keng, former Principal of the Amoy University, was slightly wounded at the same time. The assailant has been arrested.—*Reuter.*

Dr. C. C. Wu is the well-known son of the late Dr. Wu Ting-fang, and he recently resigned the post of Foreign Minister in the Nanking Government.

Dr. Lim Boon-keng is known as an educational reformer. He was for ten years a member of the Singapore Legislative Council and has always actively associated himself with the public life of that Colony. He holds the O. B. E. decoration and became head of the Amoy University in 1923.

THE KUOMINTANG MEETING.

DELEGATES BOUND FOR SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, Feb. 7.
Except those who have to remain in Nanking for the winding up of the 4th Plenary Meeting of the Kuomintang and taking charge of the measures for circulating the manifesto which reports the results of meeting all the C.E.C. members are ready to depart for Shanghai.

The Nanking-Shanghai Railway authorities have been instructed to prepare a special train for taking the leaders back to Shanghai.

It is learned that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek will also depart for Shanghai in a short time.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

FRANCO-AMERICAN PACT.

ARBITRATION RESERVATIONS OUTLINED.

Paris, Feb. 8.
The text of the Arbitration Treaty between France and the United States has been issued.

It provides that any dispute, when ordinary diplomatic proceedings have failed, shall be referred to the permanent International Commission created by Mr. Bryan in the Arbitration Treaty of 1914.

The arbitration procedure does not apply to questions falling under the national jurisdiction of either party, or to questions affecting the interests of third Powers, and finally to matters depending on or affecting the maintenance of the Monroe Doctrine or the observance of France's engagements in conformity with the League of Nations Covenant.—*Reuter.*

ANGLO-AMERICAN BANK COMBINE.

BIG LOAN ISSUE TO YUGO-SLAVIA.

Belgrade, Feb. 8.
In connexion with the agreement concluded at Belgrade for a new Yugo-Slavian Stabilisation and Public Works Loan, it is understood that British and American banking groups are concerned and have agreed to issue a loan up to £50,000,000.

The first instalment, which will be one of £12,000,000, will be issued on April 1st.

The groups include Rothschild's, Baring Brothers, the Henry Schroeder Company, Hambro's (London) Messrs. Blair and Company, the Chase National Bank and Kuhn, Loeb's (New York).

The Yugo-Slavian Government has resigned in order to facilitate the settlement of the political situation, following the recent resignation of the Ministers belonging to the Democratic Party.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH POLICY TO AMERICA.

ARBITRATION ISSUE MADE CLEAR.

"WAR WITH UNITED STATES UNTHINKABLE."

THE GENEVA FAILURE.

London, Feb. 8.
In the House of Commons, during the debate on the Address in Reply to the King's Speech, Sir Austen Chamberlain defended the Government against the charges of the Opposition regarding the Geneva Naval Conference.

He said he did not doubt that the United States bitterly regretted the failure of the honest efforts of all three parties to advance the work begun at Washington, and expressed the opinion that the Government would be well advised not to take up the subject again at present. But he hoped that the participants in the Conference, and also other interested Governments, might learn from the failure that when the time came to review the Washington Convention, and as he hoped, to make a new one, they might profit from the lessons of the past and succeed where last year they failed.

No War With America.

Sir Austen emphasised that war with the United States was unthinkable, and the prospect thereof, or preparation therefor, had never been and never would be the basis of British policy. British ship-building was not competitive. Our programmes were framed solely in view of the necessary protection of British interests, and the Government's action in modifying the Geneva Conference had not lessened its desire to modify naval construction.

Continuing, Sir Austen said that in the meantime there were other Anglo-American negotiations pending—namely, the Arbitration Treaty which America had submitted to Britain, and which was identical with that submitted to the French Government. But the new Franco-American Treaty was not the same as the original draft, and of its exact contents he (Sir Austen) had not yet been apprised, but the new Treaty, like the old, was not an unlimited Treaty of Arbitration on every difficulty. We would have to enter into the fullest correspondence and consultation with the Dominions Governments before answering the American proposals.—*Reuter.*

Treaty Reservations.

London, Feb. 8.
Speaking in the House of Commons in regard to the proposed new Arbitration Treaty with the United States, the Foreign Secretary said: "The new Treaty, like the old, is not an unlimited Treaty of Arbitration on every difference. Like the old-Roosevelt-Bryce Treaty, it is confined to what are called justiciable differences in that, like the old Treaty, it excepts certain questions, even if they be justiciable, from its scope. It proposes not indeed a repetition of the old reservations, but the adoption of new reservations or exceptions, in their place, and the exact effect of those reservations is just one of the many important questions which the British Government are at this moment carefully examining, in order to ascertain whether the Treaty is in fact of wider scope, but, in either case, in what the difference consists."

"The American Government," continued Sir Austen, "found it necessary to reserve the constitutional right of the Senate to be consulted on each individual reference to the Court of Arbitration. That was the reservation which found a place in the existing Treaty, but it was a reservation of very wide scope and of a most important character. We must enter into full correspondence and consultation with the Governments of the Dominions overseas before we could give our answer to the proposals made."

Existing Treaty Recalled.

"But there is," said Sir Austen, "a second Treaty existing between ourselves and the United States to which I think sometimes insufficient attention is paid. It is the

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THE MONUMENT TO EARL HAIG.

PREMIER SUGGESTS NATIONAL MEMORIAL.

LABOUR AMENDMENT.

London, Feb. 8.
Mr. Stanley Baldwin, in the House of Commons to-day, moved a resolution in favour of petitioning H. M. the King to direct that a monument be erected at the public charge in memory of the late Field-Marshal Earl Haig.

He suggested that the monument bear an inscription tributing the illustrious career and the devoted services of Earl Haig for his country.

A Labour amendment was moved by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, in favour of the appointment of a Select Committee to consider the most fitting form of a national memorial to Earl Haig.

In view of his known concern for the comfort and welfare of ex-Service men and their widows and dependants, by 220 votes to 103.—*Reuter.*

Resolution Adopted.

London, Feb. 8.
The House of Commons adopted the resolution in favour of erecting a monument at the public charge to Earl Haig. Mr. Baldwin paid an eloquent tribute to the late Field-Marshal, which was endorsed by the Labour and Liberal speakers who all laid emphasis on Haig's work after the war in helping ex-service men. The establishment of some institution to carry on this work was generally favoured.—*British Wireless.*

RUBBER CONTROL DISPUTE.

PREMIER ASKS COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER.

RESTRICTION EFFECTS.

London, Feb. 8.
The Prime Minister, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, has asked the Committee of Civil Research to consider the operation and effects of the present restriction of rubber exports, and to consider whether the restrictions should be left unchanged, or modified, or removed.

The Committee is also asked to submit recommendations regarding the policy to be adopted and the steps necessary to give effect thereto.

The Committee's proceedings and report will be confidential, and in the meantime the existing scheme will remain unchanged pending consideration of the Committee's report.—*Reuter.*

PRIEST SENTENCED TO DEATH.

CONNEXION WITH TSARIST SECRET POLICE.

Riga, Feb. 8.
The Soviet Court at Perm has sentenced to death the Russian priest, Konvukhov, who was charged with having served in the Tsarist secret police.—*Reuter.*

LABOUR SHORT-LIVED.

NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT CENSURED.

Oslo, Feb. 8.
The Storting, the Norwegian Parliament, to-day passed a vote of censure on the Labour Government by 36 votes to 63. Consequently, the Hornsrud Government will resign on February 10th.—*Reuter.*

The Government recently introduced legislation, cutting down defence estimates, and cancelling military training for 1928.]

FRENCH AIRMEN ARRIVE.

Washington, Feb. 8.
The French airmen, M. Costes and M. Lebrun, have arrived and were received by the Secretaries of War and the Navy, the French Ambassador, M. Claudel, the acting Secretary of State and many flying officers.—*Reuter's American Service.*

THE PRAYER BOOK REVISION.

EMOTIONAL DEBATE BY LAITY.

LORD SELBORNE BLAMES SCOTS, IRISH & WELSH.

FORGET THE COMMONS.

London, Feb. 8.
Prior to the meeting of the House of Laity, which passed the motion in favour of general approval, the three Houses of the Church Assembly met in prayer, when the Archbishop of Canterbury announced that it was estimated that under seven hundred churches practised continuous reservation of the Sacrament.

The Archbishop of Canterbury intimated on Monday that the refusal of general approval by one House of the Assembly, would summarily bring the Prayer Book Measure to an end.

It was therefore not remarkable that considerable interest was attaching to yesterday's emotional and unfinished debate in the House of Laity, whose 352 members constitute the largest section of the Church Assembly.

English Support.

Over a score of speakers addressed the House to-day, Lord Selborne, who presided, remarking amid "loud cries of dissent" from the majority, that thirty English M.P.s voted in favour of the measure in the House of Commons division.

Lord Selborne voiced the opinion that the English people and the opinion of the English people would prevail in the long run, despite the adverse votes of Scots, Irish and Welsh.

Lord Selborne exhorted the Laity to put consideration of the House of Commons entirely behind them in voting for the motion of general approval.—*Reuter.*

London, Feb. 8.
The House of Laity by a vote of 196 to 80 has generally approved the Prayer book measure.—*Reuter.*

RETIRED AMERICAN FINANCIER.

DEATH REPORTED FROM CHICAGO.

Chicago, Feb. 8.
The death is announced of Mr. Watson Franklin Blair, the retired financial magnate.—*Reuter's American Service.*

[The deceased was born at Michigan City in 1854. He was with the pork and beef packing firm of Culbertson, Blair and Company until 1877, and was engaged in the grain commission business on the Chicago Board of Trade as Blair and Company until he retired in 1890. For several years he was a director of the Merchants' National Bank (founded by his father) which in 1902 was amalgamated with the Corn Exchange National Bank, when a gift of \$100,000 was distributed amongst the employees.]

FORMER POLICE OFFICIAL.

ARRESTED IN CANTON THIS MORNING.

Canton, Feb. 9.
Ho Hoi-ping, formerly Chief of the Police Detective Service, was placed under arrest yesterday afternoon by General Wu Te-chen, the former Police Chief, now acting as Commissioner of Reconstruction.

He has recently been without a post. He called on General Wu yesterday afternoon with the intention of securing a position in the Government, but General Wu had him arrested immediately after his arrival. He was sent to the Police Headquarters, where he is being detained.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

UNFAIR RUSSIAN METHODS.

GERMAN TRADERS PROTEST TO GOVERNMENT.

NOT SATISFACTORY.

Berlin, Feb. 8.
Despite the fact that the German Government guaranteed a \$15,000,000 credit with the object of stimulating trade between Russia and Germany, the expected improvement therein did not materialise last year.

Numerous complaints have been made by German business firms of the unfair methods of Russians in their business, and Russia is charged with violations of the Russo-German Commercial Treaty.

For the purpose of clearing up the various points in dispute, and for giving a fresh impetus to German trade with Russia, a Russian commercial delegation, comprising the President of the Russian State Bank, M. Scheinmann, and the Traffic Commissioner, M. Rudstek, and three trade experts have arrived in Berlin.

These are to confer with representatives of the German Government on the general questions of trade and industry.—*Reuter.*

OIL IN DUTCH EAST INDIES.

U.S.A. CHARGED WITH LACK OF GOODWILL.

The Hague, Feb. 8.

The First Chamber of the States General has adopted the Bill authorising the Government to conclude contracts with the Netherlands Colonial Petroleum Company for prospecting for and exploiting petroleum in Palembang, Rembang, Semarang, and Madern.

Replying to a question as to whether the American Government had appointed a committee to examine how purchases of American oil by foreign capital might be prevented, the Minister of the Colonies said that the lack of goodwill of the American Government had attracted his attention.

Reciprocity Agreed.

The Minister added, however, that since in the course of negotiations regarding the admission of American capital for the exploitation of the oil of the Dutch East Indies, America and the Netherlands had agreed on the principle of reciprocity, he was waiting for America to carry out that promise.—*Reuter.*

NURSE CAVELL WAR FILM.

GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE PROTEST.

London, Feb. 8.

The proposal for the exhibition in London of a British film dealing with the execution of Nurse Cavell has led to an official German protest.

The Foreign Office, Berlin, has issued a statement that the German Ambassador in London, and the German Minister to Brussels, have been endeavouring to prevent the exhibition of the film, which can only revive painful memories and embitter relations between the countries.—*Reuter.*

SPAIN'S PETROL MONOPOLY.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT PROTESTS.

Paris, Feb. 8.

The Government has sent a protest through diplomatic channels to Madrid against the petrol monopoly recently imposed.

The measure is described as detrimental to French interests. It is understood that Great Britain and the United States have protested on the same grounds.—*Reuter.*

AMAZING FRAUDS REVEALED.

FIRM SWINDLED FOR MANY YEARS.

CHIEF JUSTICE COMMENTS ON REMARKABLE CASE.

FORGERIES DETAILED.

Extraordinary revelations regarding the freight rates charged to his firm by a tallyman formerly in the employ of the Kwong Sang Hong were made in the Supreme Court this morning when it was stated that the man charged his firm five and seven times the amount agreed between him and shipping companies.

The case concerned a claim by the Kwong Sang Hong Ltd., for \$13,195.55 from Chau Kau, alias Chan Sai-fong, it being alleged that the latter had defrauded the plaintiffs to that amount.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin appeared for the plaintiffs, defendant being absent and not represented.

Outlining the case Mr. Jenkin said it was an action of an unusual nature in that the case which gave rise to the plaintiff's case constituted a felony as set out in the statement of claim.

Dealer in Hams?

The plaintiffs were well-known manufacturers and wholesale dealers in the Colony of perfumes, soap and other toilette requisites. As part of their business they shipped large quantities of goods to north China and had in their employ formerly the defendant. He was employed as a tallyman and received \$21 per month.

He had been with them for a large number of years, but last year his appearance of affluence caused his employers to interrogate him.

The man appeared to be in a better position than he should be considering his salary. In answer to questions put to him by his employers he said that he was the proprietor of a firm of his own and was carrying on the trade of a merchant in hams. The plaintiffs firm was not satisfied with his explanation and the man was discharged.

Another man was employed as tallyman and he looked after the shipments of goods. It transpired that the defendant, the former tallyman, had been defrauding the Kwong Sang Hong for the past seven years, the total amount involved being about \$13,000, the subject matter of the present claim.

Forged Documents.

It was his duty when the plaintiffs wanted to ship goods to go to shipping agents and arrange with them which goods should be shipped. After this had been done he would get a debit note for the amount of the freight.

Assuming he got one for \$100, continued Mr. Jenkin, the man would keep it and make out a fresh one, which would be forged. Supposing it to be his employers. Supposing the forged debit note was for \$400 he would get the money from his employers and give them a forged receipt. He would then pocket the difference, paying the shipping agent the \$100 and getting a receipt which he would tear up.

Amazing Discovery.

After the man had been discharged the new tallyman collected the freight bills and the plaintiffs discovered that the shipping agents were charging about 75 per cent. less than they had been charging for a large number of years. The plaintiffs interviewed the shipping agents and found that they had been paid their ordinary charges and that the receipts defendant had handed in to his employers were forged.

In that way the Kwong Sang Hong had been defrauded of over \$13,000.

A warrant was issued for the arrest of the defendant on September 29, 1927, but he fled the Colony and there had been no trace of him or his whereabouts since. A reward of \$5,000 was offered for information regarding the man but this had brought no result. Mr. Jenkin thought the evidence would make it clear that he was not available for prosecution.

Man's Property Seized.

Mr. Jenkin quoted authorities to show the justification for the

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DAMAGED CARGO.

CLAIM AGAINST SHIPPING FIRM FAILS.

In the Summary Court yesterday afternoon Mr. Justice J. R. Wood gave judgment for the defendants in a claim for \$749.80 as damages for cargo which was damaged by sea water while on board the s.s. Hua Lee No. 1. The plaintiffs were the Pong Hong Long firm, merchants, and the defendants were the Kwang Seng shipping firm, 40 Bonham Strand West. When the case was heard expert evidence was given by Captain Arthur.

Mr. R. A. Wadson appeared for the plaintiffs and the defendants were represented by Mr. D. J. Strollett.

Giving judgment his Lordship said:—The plaintiffs shipped cargo in a steamer owned by the defendants. On the voyage this cargo was damaged by sea water. The action is brought in contract in respect of this damage.

The bill of lading here concerned (allowing for certain misprints) is in the ordinary form.

Water Reaches Cargo.

The sea-water damage was the result of this bad weather. The cargo was stowed in No. 1 hold forward. How the water reached the cargo is not definitely ascertained. Five feet of water was observed in the forepeak but as subsequent inspection disclosed no defect in the collision bunker, it is likely that no water entered the hold from this portion of the ship.

The parties came to trial after correspondence in which plaintiffs' solicitors relied solely upon an alleged breach of the warranty, contained in the contract of sea-carriage, of the seaworthiness of the ship. This contention the plaintiffs abandoned after the close of the evidence, most of which had reference to it. In my opinion, therefore, whatever may be the result, either in this court or on appeal, of these proceedings, the plaintiffs should pay all costs of the present trial.

In his final submission the learned solicitor for the plaintiffs relied on the terms of the bill of lading, and argued that the defendants had not been able to bring themselves within any exception there set out.

The relevant exceptions are (1) "Act of God," and (2) "other accidents of the sea, rivers, and steam navigation of whatever nature or kind." In my opinion the defendants may successfully found their defence on either of these exceptions. The operative cause was something independent of human action, viz. weather; and further it has not been suggested that the accident could have been avoided by exercise of greater care or foresight. In these circumstances the event was an "Act of God." I have noticed the following paragraph in section nine of *Carver's Carriage By Sea*, (seventh edition). "It is not enough for the shipowner to show that the loss arose from natural, as distinguished from human, causes, and to leave it to the other side to show that there was some want of precaution or care on his part; he must himself show affirmatively that the causes were such that no reasonable amount of precaution and care would have enabled him to avoid or guard against them."

Onus Satisfied.

Captain Arthur's evidence as to the frequency of this occurrence on seaworthy ships, to my mind, by the defendants on this point, sufficiently satisfied any onus borne. The second exception is an amplification of the term "perils of the sea." This accident was not merely an "Act of God," it was also a "peril of the sea" and as such, in the absence of negligence alleged and proved, will be a good ground of defence in this action.

For these reasons it seems to me that the plaintiffs have failed to establish a cause of action. I give judgment for the defendants with costs.

LAW SOCIETY PROSECUTION.

CASE AGAINST HOUGHTON ADJOURNED.

The case, in which C. M. Houghton appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Police Court in respect of alleged offences under the Legal Practitioners Ordinance was continued yesterday afternoon.

Resuming in the afternoon, Mr. Blake quoted a number of authorities in support of his case.

He then dealt with the wording of the letters sent out by Houghton, in one of which "criminal" proceedings were threatened, which step would have gone further than any solicitor's letter could have threatened, commented Mr. Blake.

The inference to be drawn was that the organization with which Houghton was identified were going to take proceedings themselves. It was to be noted that both these letters were addressed to Chinese, and most Chinese were not so well-versed in English that they could tell the difference between an accountant, a debtor, or solicitor. Pang Chau could not speak English at all. He had had to have the letter interpreted to him; and undoubtedly those two letters came within the definition of practicing or acting as a solicitor.

The other letter to Ng Chak-lam re the promissory note, continued Mr. Blake, was strongly worded, despite the absence thereof of word "criminal" in the character of the proceedings contemplated.

Definitions.

He had been unable to find any satisfactory definition for the words of "practicing or acting" in connexion with the profession of a solicitor, but one of the definitions of "practice" was to work (on some business or occupation), which was a very reasonable and applicable definition.

"To act as" was to perform, or have the character of to do the work of, or to use as.

Coming to the evidence, Mr. Blake said with regard to the evidence of Chau Kong-chi, despite the discrepancies and difficulties in Chinese interpretation, the statement must be accepted that Houghton did utter the threat of deportation, this being one of the "proceedings" mentioned by Houghton in his letter. That was the kind of threat which would have a strong effect with an ignorant person. Deportation was one of the great fears of Chinese, in this Colony and the effect could be judged, particularly when it was coupled with the threat of "criminal proceedings."

This closed the case for the Law Society.

The Defence.

Defendant Houghton, in drawing attention to the letter dated January 26, said that in that letter the intimation was made that the matter would be placed in the hands of solicitors. He advanced this letter as proof that they had no intention to take up the matter at its legal stage in their own hands. To "institute proceedings," Houghton further said, did not necessarily connote that meaning. It included the meaning that the case would be put into the hands of a solicitor.

His Worship pointed out that the letter referred to bore a later date than the ones forming the subject matter of the summonses. Houghton: Our solicitor, it may interest you to know, is Mr. O'Donoghue, of the same building. Do you submit that you have no case to answer on the evidence?—Yes.

His Worship: How about the letter of the 18th. "we are instructed to take criminal proceedings" etc?

Houghton: These are Mr. Suen's words. We had no intention of taking criminal proceedings.

A Case to Answer.

Mr. Lindsell said it was clear that the first summons against Houghton, relating to the letter on January 20, being withdrawn, the

SIR MILES LAMPSON.

ARRIVES AT SHANGHAI ON H.M.S. FORGLOVE.

Ningpo, Feb. 8.
Sir Miles Lampson has arrived from Ningpo aboard H. M. S. Forgive.—Reuter.

same summons against Houghton must be withdrawn as well.

Mr. Blake pointed out that Houghton still had a case to reply to on the other summons in which he alone figured, this being for occurrences on the 18th and 19th, relative to the letter of the 18th and the interview of the following day.

His Worship (to Houghton): I hold you have a case to answer.

Houghton: May I bring in a witness?

The witness called was Mr. J. T. Dobble, who said that until lately he was on the China Mail and Sunday Herald.

Houghton: I think that from 1920 to 1924, you were Editor of the Banbury Herald, in Australia?

Witness: Yes.

You were a member of the Town Council, Secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce, Secretary of the local Trade Protection Association, branch of the Trade Protection Association in Western Australia?—Yes.

Were the purposes and functions of this Association precisely the same as those of the South China Trade Protection Association?

His Worship interposing, asked witness: Have you seen the prospectus of the South China Trade Protection Association?—Yes.

Witness then said that the prospectus showed that the business of the South China Trade Protection Association was carried on the same lines as the Australian Association.

The Word "Criminal."

Shown the two letters forming the subject matter of the summonses, witness said they were very much the same also, except for the word "criminal" appearing in the first of the two documents. Such a Society must be "instructed" and must have "clients." Without clients, there could be no instructions, according to witness.

In West Australia, witness had been responsible for similar letters as Secretary of the Association in that State. Apart from the word "criminal" it was a letter which he himself would have written.

Shown by Houghton three other papers, witness agreed that those were standard letters harmonising with letters sent out by the Australian Association.

Replying to Mr. Blake, witness said he did not know the law in Australia as regards the practice of a solicitor.

Mr. Blake: You are a newspaper man?—I have been connected with the Sunday Herald and China Mail.

You contribute to any others?—On special occasions to the Daily Press also.

Have you seen the Hongkong Observer?—Yes.

Have you contributed articles to the Hongkong Observer?—Yes, one or two articles.

It is produced by Mr. Houghton?—Yes.

Will you forget that you are a newspaper man, forget that you are an Australian Trade Protection man, and put your mentality into that of a more or less illiterate Chinese. What would be the effect of such a letter on you? Would you not be terrified? It is just a type of letter, Exhibit B particularly, which a solicitor would write?

Witness replied that a hundred different men of the illiterate type referred to by Mr. Blake would take the letter in a hundred different ways. As to the letter itself, witness said that some might think it was a good imitation.

Mr. Blake: Imitation! If it is just the very word I would like. Imitation!

Houghton was proposing to call up his next witness, when Mr. Lindsell said he could not go on with the cases then. He adjourned them until Friday at 2.30 p.m.



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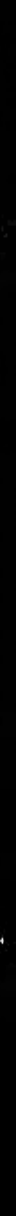
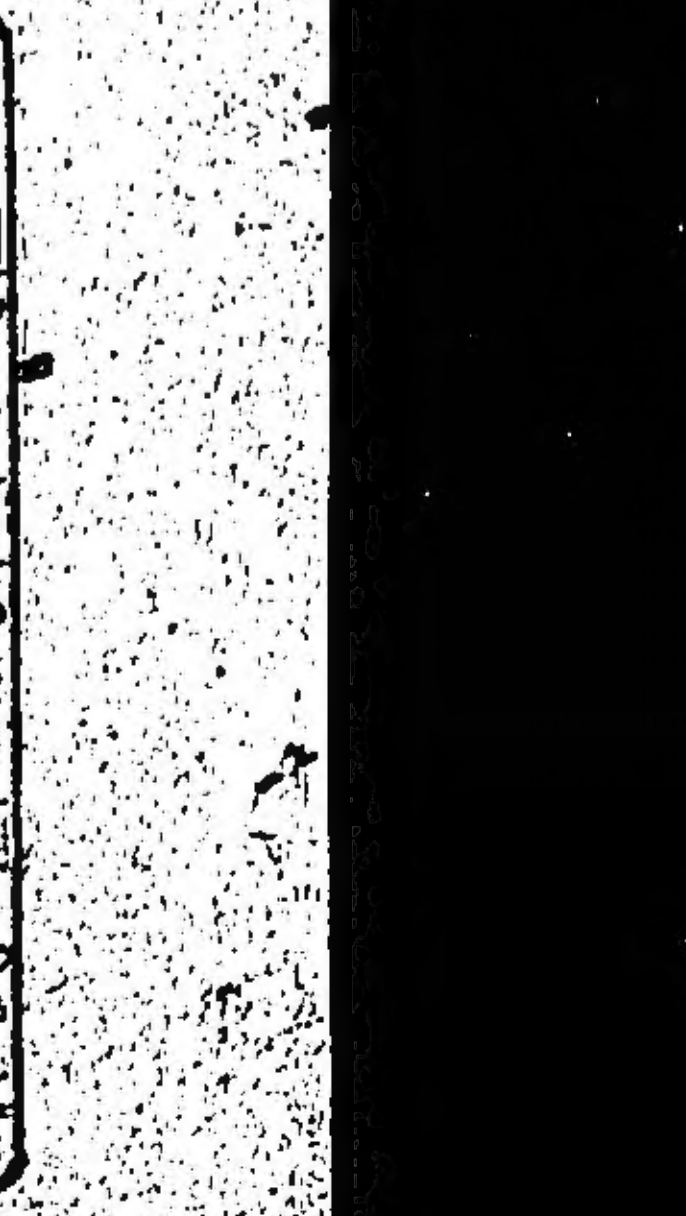
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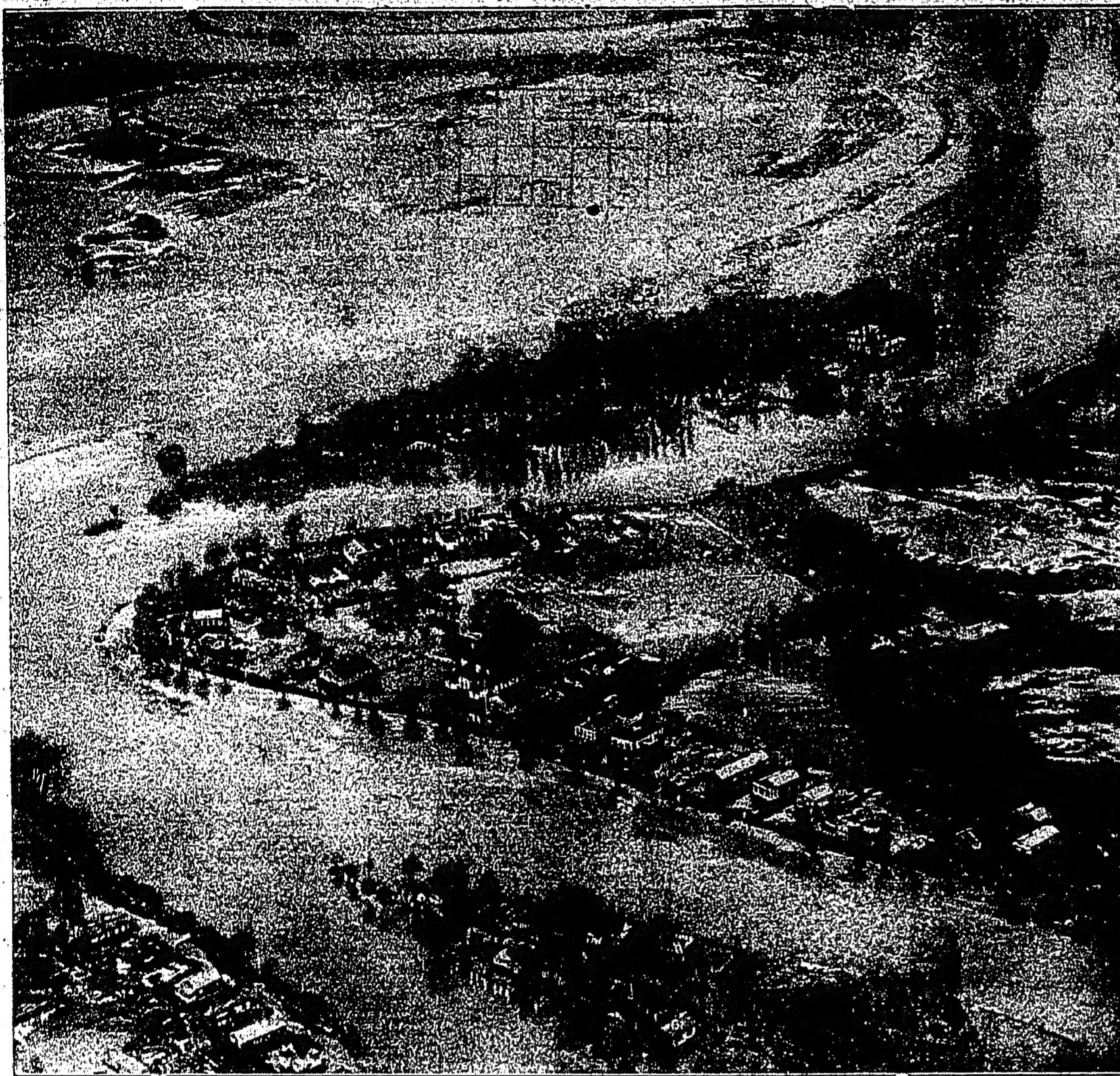
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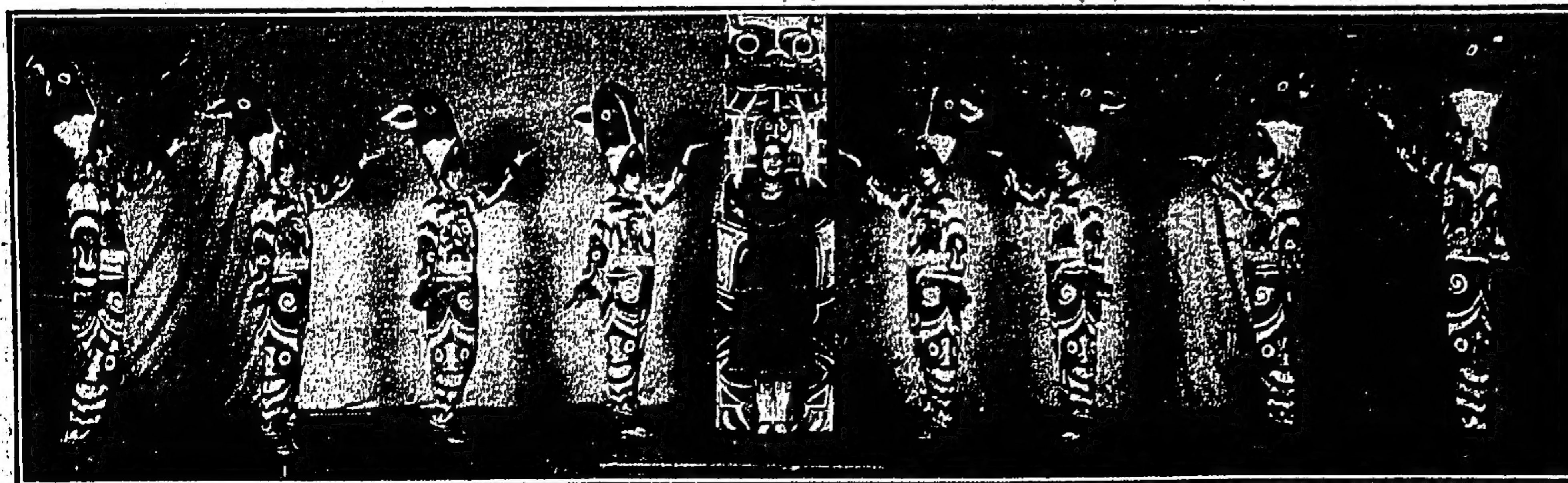
The first serious results of the thaw throughout England on January 3 are seen in this aerial photograph of a great tract of inundated country in the Thames Valley near Weybridge. (Times copyright).



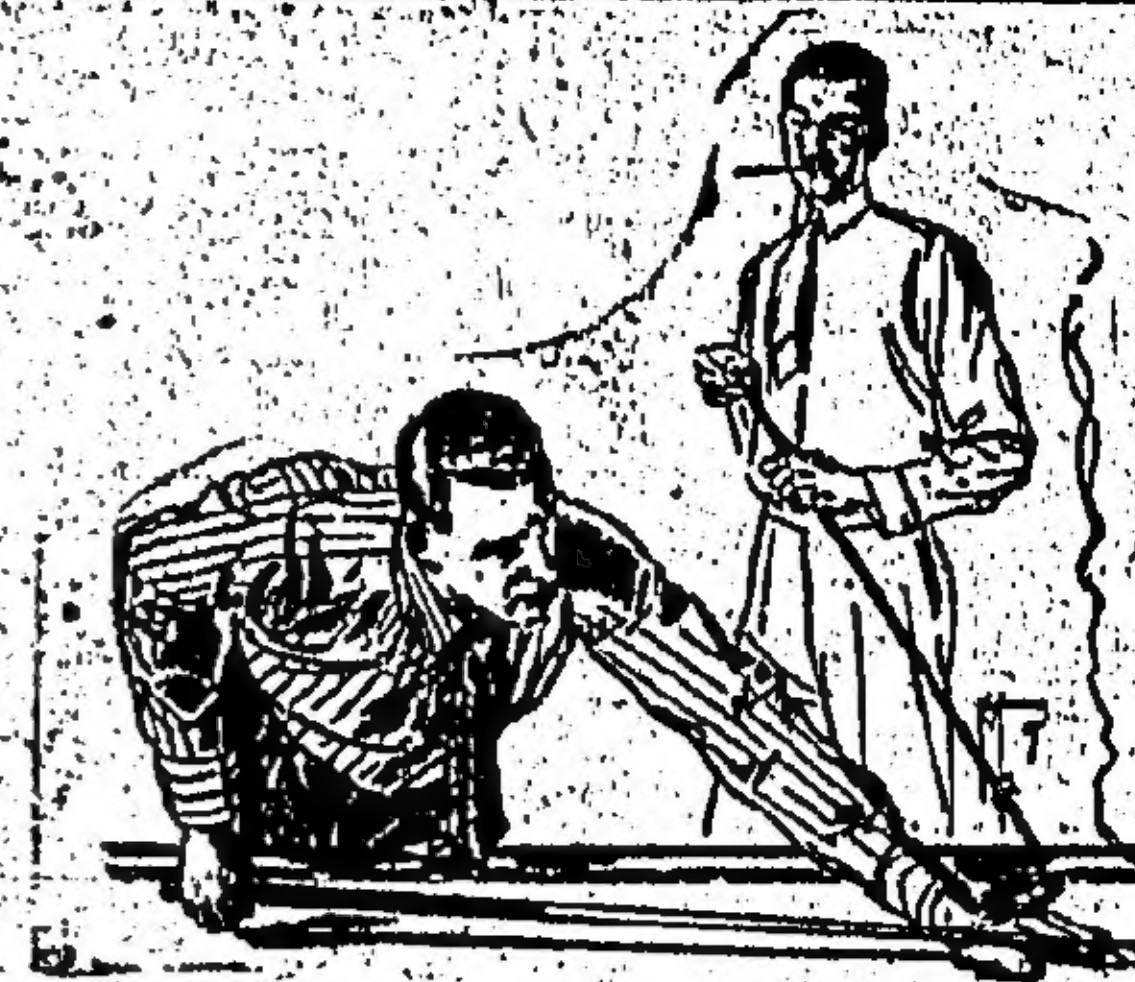
Scene in a London suburb recently depicting people wading through snow in a picturesque setting.



One man was killed and four seriously injured when an explosion occurred on board the U. S. S. Langley. The picture shows one of the injured men being taken ashore.



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Hongkong, 8th Feb. 1928.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the First Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday 25th February, 1928 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club, and Causeway Bay Stables.
Entries will close at 12 o'clock noon on Monday, 20th February, 1928.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL SHOW OF FLOWERS AND VEGETABLES will be held at VOLUNTEER HEAD-QUARTERS on THURSDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY.

ENTRIES WILL CLOSE at 1 p.m. on MONDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY. Schedules may be obtained on application from the Secretaries, c/o Bradley & Co., Ltd. Hongkong, 7th Feb. 1928.

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of Hongkong Tramways Limited will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, on Monday, the 27th day of February, 1928, at 12 o'clock noon to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the company will be closed from MONDAY, 13th to MONDAY, 27th FEBRUARY, 1928, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board.
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1928.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 25th February, 1928, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday the 13th February to Saturday the 25th February, 1928 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Court of Directors
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 6th Feb. 1928.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 4A, Des Voeux Road, on TUESDAY, 28th February, 1928, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 15th February, to TUESDAY, 28th February, 1928, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order
of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1928.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1928

13th, 14th, 15th & 18th February.

MEMBERS' BADGES.

Members' Badges of Admission are now ready and may be obtained by those members who have not already received them, from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Members are reminded that these Badges will also admit them to all the Extra Race Meetings of this year.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members have the privilege of introducing two non-members to the Members' Enclosure. A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before Saturday, 11th February, 1928 at a cost of \$10 each per day or \$30 for the Meeting.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$4 per day. Each member can obtain upon application to the Secretary, badges for the admission of two Ladies free of charge.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first three days of racing.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

Tickets of Admission to the Public Enclosure, price \$3 per day for all persons including Ladies, may be purchased from Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd. or at the Gate.

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SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination, and to endorse their names on the passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands. Any persons found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,
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Hongkong, Feb. 6, 1928.

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A unique and well-planned and executed robbery occurred at Chicago on New Year's Eve resulting in the loss of 80,000 dollars from the Ravenswood National Bank. Seven robbers invaded the home of the paying teller late at night on the pretext that they were prohibition agents. They tied and muffled the teller's parents and mounted guard over them in a vacant garage. They drove off with the teller to the bank, where they compelled him to open the doors with his key, after which they waited patiently until eight o'clock in the morning when the time clock in the vault was set for opening, after which they compelled the teller to spring open the doors. They then extracted the currency and disappeared in an automobile.

LETTER GOLF.

more; it's the men who are silly about them.



1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW TO HEN in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.
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3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.
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USEFUL NOTES ABOUT INDIGESTION.

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Letters and postcards for Europe and the British Isles are forwarded via Siberia if so super-scribed.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
Straits	Yuen-sang	February 9.
Straits	Tai-law	February 9.
Shanghai and Amoy	Liangchow	February 9.
Europe via Negapatam, letters only		February 10.
London 12th, January	Saarlund	February 10.
Manila	Emp. of Australia	February 10.
Japan and Shanghai	Kamo Maru	February 10.
Shanghai and Swatow	Shantung	February 11.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President van Buren	February 11.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Jackson	February 13.
Manila	President Pierce	February 13.
Europe via Negapatam (papers only, London 12th January, and parcel, 3rd January)	Karnala	February 13.
Japan and Shanghai	D'Artagnan	February 14.
Straits	Fook-sang	February 15.
Australia and Manila	Tango Maru	February 16.
Japan and Shanghai	Khyber	February 17.
Straits	Hakone Maru	February 19.
Japan	Mishima Maru	February 21.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Emp. of Russia	February 23.
Japan and Shanghai	Katori Maru	February 24.
Straits	Sawa Maru	March 4.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Weihaiwei	Walshing	Thurs., Feb. 9, 3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Tai Ming	Thurs., Feb. 9, 4.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard, Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Hanoi	Thurs., Feb. 9, 5 p.m.
Hoihow and Haiphong	New Mahilde Fri.	Feb. 10, 8.30 a.m.
Haiphong	West Tavalon Fri.	Feb. 10, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hsinching	Fri., Feb. 10, Noon.
Shanghai	Soochow	Fri., Feb. 10, 5 p.m.
Japan	Yamsang	Fri., Feb. 10, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Kamo Maru	Sat., Feb. 11.

Registration Feb. 10, 4.30 p.m.
Letters Feb. 11, 9 a.m.
G.P.O.
Registration Feb. 11, 8.45 a.m.
Letters Feb. 11, 9.30 a.m.
(Due Marseilles 11th March.)

Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong
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Registration Feb. 11, 10.30 a.m.
Letters Feb. 11, 12.30 p.m.
Pres. Van Buren Sat., Feb. 11, 5 p.m.
Kiangsu Sun., Feb. 12, 9 a.m.
Hozan Maru Sun., Feb. 12, 9 a.m.
Tjisondari Sun., Feb. 12, 9 a.m.

Registration Feb. 12, 10.30 a.m.
Letters Feb. 13, 9 a.m.
(Due San Francisco 8th March.)
Emp. of Australia Mon., Feb. 13, 5 p.m.
Karnala Mon., Feb. 13, 5 p.m.

Registration Feb. 13, 4.15 p.m.
Letters Feb. 13, 5 p.m.
(Due Thursday Island 24th February.)
Menado Maru Tues., Feb. 14, 8.30 a.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong

Registration Feb. 14, 4.30 p.m.
Letters Feb. 14, 5 p.m.
G.P.O.
Registration Feb. 14, 4.15 p.m.
Letters Feb. 14, 5 p.m.
(Due Marseilles 15th March.)

Registration Feb. 14, 4.30 p.m.
Letters Feb. 14, 5 p.m.
Pres. Jackson Tues., Feb. 14, 4.30 p.m.
Empress of Canada Tues., Feb. 14, 4.30 p.m.

Registration Feb. 14, 4.15 p.m.
Letters Feb. 14, 5 p.m.
(Due Vancouver B.C. 4th March.)
Hankow, Amoy and Foochow Tues., Feb. 14, 5 p.m.
Tatlow Maru Wed., Feb. 15, 8.30 a.m.

Registration Feb. 15, 4.15 p.m.
Letters Feb. 15, 5 p.m.
(Due Victoria B.C. 13th March.)
Fook Sang Thurs., Feb. 16, 5 p.m.
Japan Thurs., Feb. 17, 9.30 a.m.

Registration Feb. 17, 4.15 p.m.
Letters Feb. 17, 5 p.m.
(Due Victoria B.C. 13th March.)
Tango Maru Fri., Feb. 17, 9.30 a.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong

Registration Feb. 17, 4.15 p.m.
Letters Feb. 17, 5 p.m.
(Due Victoria B.C. 13th March.)
Khyber Sat., Feb. 18, 4.30 p.m.
Registration Feb. 18, 4.30 p.m.

Registration Feb. 18, 4.15 p.m.
Letters Feb. 18, 5 p.m.
(Due Marseilles 17th March.)
Hakone Maru Mon., Feb. 20, 10.30 a.m.

Registration Feb. 22, 4.15 p.m.
Letters Feb. 22, 5 p.m.
(Due Thursday Island 5th March.)
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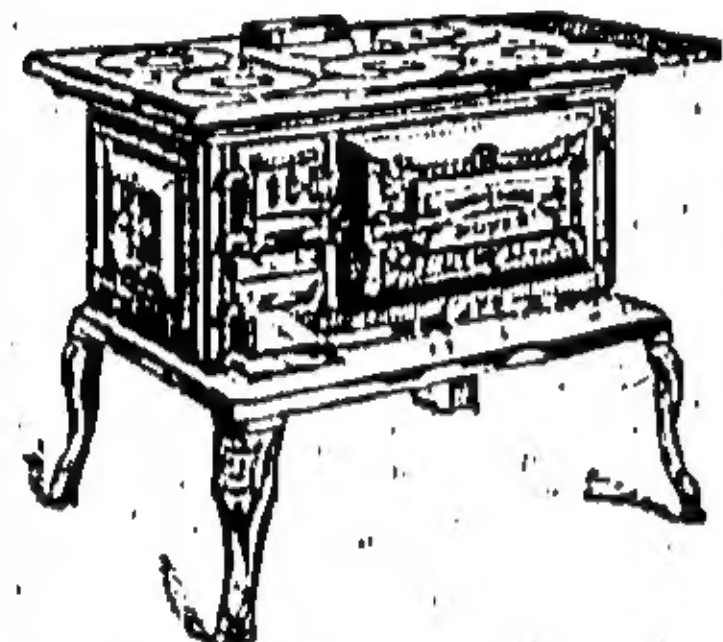
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CINEMA NOTES.

"BLARNEY" AT THE WORLD THEATRE.

"Blarney," which comes to the World Theatre to-day, is the feature attraction until Saturday. It is a stirring romance of the bare knuckle days of prize fighting. The story itself, which was written by Don Byrne, is considered the classic of the prize ring. Ralph Graves, one of the newest and most interesting of male graduates from comedies, plays the role of Carabine, while Renee Adoree, noted for her recent work in "The Big Parade," plays the heroine, Peggy Nolan.

"Blarney" is a dramatic tale with a backing of sporting life in the 80's and scored a sensation on its first appearance as a magazine story, following which it was published in book form.

Douglas Fairbanks in "The Gaucho."

Local cinema-goers will be interested to read the following tribute paid to "The Gaucho" by the Ambassador for Spain immediately after seeing the picture.

"I know El Gaucho, the spirit of the character, its meaning—and may I add that besides the picture being most charming, it is most delightful in its faithfulness, and most convincing in its intelligent handling. Besides its being artistic and picturesque, it is very human. Please accept my congratulations."

"The Gaucho" is a capital story of adventure and romance in South America three generations ago, with Douglas Fairbanks as a bandit chief who pits his wits and strength against a dictator to win both love and treasure.

This entertaining film will be screened at the Queen's Theatre until Saturday. Attention is to be drawn to the special times for performances, namely 2.30, 5.00, 7.15 and 9.30. The picture begins promptly after the overture.

The Man Upstairs, "At The Star."

Written by the author of "Seven Keys to Baldpate" and "The Chinese Parrot," the new picture at the Star Theatre to-day, "The Man Upstairs," offers plenty of thrills and laughs, keeping the audience in suspense until the surprising climax. "The Agony Column" in a daily newspaper brings together two young people in search of romance and adventure. To gratify the young lady's thirst for excitement, the hero creates a mysterious murder for which he is sent to prison. Later it develops that the girl had decided to play a joke on him, and having tested his courage and wits, promises to marry him to atone for her prank.

The leading players are Monte Blue and Dorothy Devore, and the supporting cast is an excellent one, including Heinie Conklin, John Roche, and Helen Dunbar.

"Two Arabian Knights" On Sunday.

According to a special advertisement in this issue, another comedy somewhat on the lines of "Behind the Front" and "We're in the Navy Now" will be screened at the Queen's Theatre from Sunday to Wednesday. This is "Two Arabian Knights," a comedy of two soldiers who escape from prison camp, and after many adventures, ultimately arrive in Arabia. Then follows a series of comic adventures surrounding the private's courtship with an Emir's daughter. The leading players are William Boyd, popular screen star, Louis Wolheim, the original "Captain Flagg" of the stage play, "What Price Glory?" and Mary Astor, leading lady for Douglas Fairbanks in "Don Q," and for John Barrymore in "Beau Brummel."

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Brocade and satin, silver and golden materials, and vividly patterned silks are used for the boudoir or smoking suit.

Styles vary. One woman may prefer garments that suggest those of a Chinese mandarin, another a suit that would appeal to the imagination of an Indian potentate. Long trousers loose above the knee but buttoned down the calf to fit as closely as jodhpur breeches are favoured by one; another prefers trousers of dimensions compared to which the Oxford "bags" of yesterday are almost tight fitting. The really interesting thing about a boudoir suit is that you can please yourself as regards colour, style, and material.

Some of the prettiest boudoir suits have a jumper top, an arrangement that permits of considerable variety being introduced. With trousers in vivid coloured satin, a jumper of gorgeous brocade is worn. A model with cerise coloured breeches buttoned close round the ankle, had a jumper of vivid blue brocade with a golden bird design, and a bright green jumper embroidered in mauve was worn with mauve satin

Evening Wraps.

BUTTERFLY DESIGNS IN STRIKING HUES.

Among the new evening wraps seen at a recent Dress show was a gorgeous affair in moss green velvet, lined with fur, and with

Lacy Blackness.



Black lace and black georgette are irresistibly allied in this chemise for wear with black evening gowns. Yellow ribbon trims it.

A huge butterfly embroidered in multi-coloured sequins right across the back.

It was a very much beyond life-size butterfly, stretching practically from side to side, and the many colours of it created a wonderful shimmering effect as the wearer moved.

Backs are a very important part with last word wraps for evening wear, and many of them are luxuriously and lavishly worked with scintillating and shimmering embroideries, sequins being particularly popular for the purpose.

All sorts of radiant birds are used for such designs, birds of reality and birds of the imagination. The main qualification is that such birds shall have magnificent tails and wings and be of many-coloured plumage.

One woman following the new fashion carried it to more realistic and uncommon lengths by having her bird worked with real feathers, slightly padded. The result was extremely artistic and out of the ordinary.

Trousers, and, again, shot gold and blue lame trousers, very wide and baggy, appeared beneath a gold embroidered blue coat, crepe de chine and lace.

Pyjama suits, while equally varied, are entirely different in character.

For these washing silks, satins, and printed and plain crepe de chine are used. Decoration is generally fine embroidery and finer lace, and the more a pyjama suit is "expressed in fancy," the more desirable it becomes.

Plain suits of pink crepe de chine are simply trimmed with silk braid.

More elaborate is a suit, also of pale pink, the jumper top of which is embroidered along the hem with gaily coloured flowers.

Lady Macbeth.

AS A MODERN VAMP.

Early this year Lady Macbeth will be seen in London in modern clothes, played as if Shakespeare had created her as a vamp for Hollywood, in Sir Barry Jackson's repertory season at the Court Theatre.

It will be remembered that Sir Barry, Jackson produced, at the Kingsway Theatre, "Hamlet" in modern dress, in which the Prince wore plus fours.

Mr. Bland, of the Birmingham Repertory Company, told a Daily Chronicle representative recently that it had not yet been decided who is to play Lady Macbeth.

"The season will consist of a series of five plays," he said. "Each will run for exactly four weeks, whether it is a success or a failure."

"Nature of a Viper." "Hamlet" in modern dress ran for 11 weeks. Some weeks ago Sir Barry's producer, Mr. H. K. Ayllif, gave "The Taming of the Shrew" in modern dress in America, and it was very successful.

Sir Barry Jackson believes that Lady Macbeth should be interpreted as a little restless woman, with the nature of a viper, ever ready to urge on her husband to difficult or evil deeds.

One of the most recent Lady Macbeths in London was that of Miss Sybil Thorndike, who looked tall and haggard in the part. It is understood that a little woman will be given the part in Sir Barry Jackson's production.

How Macbeth will be dressed is not stated, but doubtless he will be able to appear in a kilt of not too barbaric a cut!

Very Dainty.



For afternoon formal wear is this long-sleeved frock of bronze-tinted metal lace.

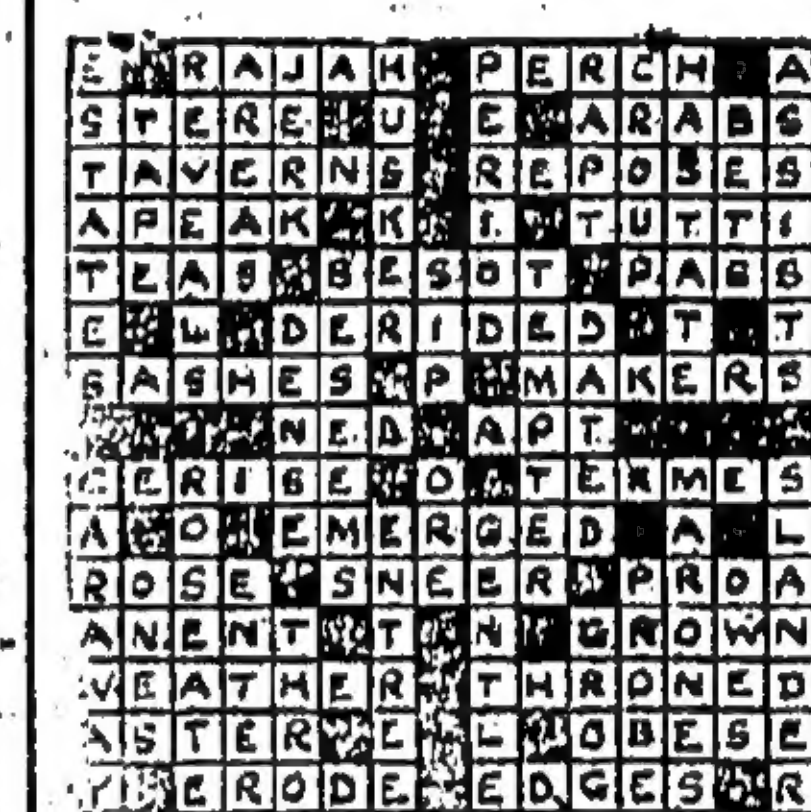
OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



- Across.
- One that respects.
 - Pillage.
 - Competitor.
 - Rind.
 - Thump.
 - Lukewarm.
 - Field (Poetical).
 - Ancient Greek race.
 - Peruse.
 - Fuels.
 - Wealthy.
 - Pirate.
 - Income tax.
 - Pea like leguminous plant.
 - Propellers.
 - Broad.
 - Pour upon.
 - Domestic beasts.
 - Army in form of steps.
 - Fat of swine.
 - Part of a joint in wood work.
 - Utter melodious sounds.
 - Ant.
 - Royal Scottish burgh.
 - Hindu princess.
 - Female servant.
 - Image.
 - Step.
 - Foreigner.
 - Dominion.

- Down.
- Receiver.
 - Speedy.
 - Saw.
 - Paleness.
 - Mysterious kind of Jewish learning.
 - Sea-angel.
 - Sudden coldness.
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GEE - YOU CERTAINLY GOT A NICE DONK, OSSIE! I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF YOU BEAT TAG'S LINDY! TELL ME HOW YOU MAKE YOUR DONK GO SO FAST ANYWAY!!

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MARRIAGE.

DOYLE-BRENNAN.—On February 7th, at St. Joseph's Church, Thomas Wilfred, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Doyle, of Melbourne, Australia, to Aileen Hart, only daughter of the late Mr. M. F. Brennan and Mrs. Brennan, of Hongkong.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1928

BRITAIN'S POLICY.

The most important point that has emerged from the debate on the China situation in the House of Commons, arising from the reference thereto in the King's Speech, is that all the three political parties at Home are at last in agreement regarding Britain's policy. Both Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and Mr. Lloyd George have endorsed the Government's attitude, which, as the Prime Minister put it, can now go forth to the world as a true reflection of our national policy. The "Die-Hards," of course, will regret this unity, for they represent a school of thought which stands for much more vigorous action, but their viewpoint is just as harmful as that of the extreme pacifists, who preach a policy of complete British withdrawal from China.

If we have any criticism to make of the Labour leader's speech it is in reference to his remarks concerning the withdrawal of troops from China. Mr. MacDonald expressed himself gratified at such withdrawals as had taken place, and hoped that the process would be accelerated. It is all very well for people at Home, who do not realise the possibilities of the situation out here, to talk in this glib manner of withdrawing the forces sent out to protect British lives and property, but it is at any rate reassuring that even Mr. MacDonald did not urge complete and immediate withdrawal and that Mr. Lloyd George frankly asserted that such a step could not be done at present. In view of the continuance of civil war in the country and developments harmful to foreign lives and interests which might easily arise therefrom, there is point in the observation contained in the King's Speech that the situation still gives cause for anxiety. So long as that is the case, of course, there can be no question of a complete withdrawal of our forces. The point to be stressed is that Britain is not maintaining even the depleted Defence Force in China, for the more sake of doing so. Considerations of cost, if no other,

would be sufficient to dispel any such idea. Our troops are in the East because the Chinese authorities are still not in a position to guarantee adequate protection to foreigners, and it is precisely that point which accounts for the continued deadlock in the relations between China and the Powers generally.

Britain's friendly attitude towards the Chinese has been well illustrated by repeated official declarations and actions within the past two years, and if there have been obstacles in the way of further and more concrete displays of that spirit, the fault assuredly does not lie with us. Even Mr. MacDonald would appear to appreciate that point, for he stated that we were still awaiting a political opportunity for putting our policy into effect; whilst Mr. Lloyd George realised that the absence of any real Government in China made negotiations difficult. It is here that we touch the vital point. However willing we or any other foreign Power may be to put our words into deeds, there is no-one at the moment with whom we can treat. And, to repeat once again an apt observation made some time ago by a British statesman, "you cannot negotiate with chaos." Let the chaos disappear, and the rest will be easy.

Prayer Book Revision.

Any forlorn hope that a happy compromise would be achieved by the re-introduction to the Church Assembly of the Deposited Book in an amended form, was quickly dispelled by the heated discussion which developed almost immediately the momentous session opened. The gravity of the crisis with which the Church of England is faced to-day cannot be under-estimated. The Bishops have submitted what may fairly be described as comparatively minor alterations to the Book as rejected by the House of Commons. The highly controversial Reservation provisions are still retained, and even those who are not extremists one way or the other, will endorse the disapproval of the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, who wisely pointed out that the amendments would most certainly be rejected by the House of Commons. Never was the appeal of the Archbishop of York for restraint more necessary than now. The more heated the arguments become, the more definite is the threat of a split in the Church. Mr. Athelstan Riley's prediction of a revolt of the High Church Party is not based on mere assumption. The danger is ever-present, and the course taken by the Bishops appears to have for the Anglican Church dangers out of all proportion to any likelihood of peaceful reform. The profound desire of the House of Commons to preserve in one devout fold all who profess to call themselves Protestants was manifested in the impressive debate when the original Prayer Book was rejected, and there can be little serious hope that the alterations made will satisfy the conflict of thought. It is natural that the House of Laity should be more widely divergent than the House of Bishops or the House of Clergy. The latter Houses passed on Tuesday a motion favouring general approval, but the laity were first faced with a long debate following a resolution by Mr. Athelstan Riley that the Measure be postponed until 1931. Finally, this proposal was rejected, but only after considerable differences of opinion. Sir Thomas Inskip declared the Prayer Book to be impossible, and since his criticism was directed at the Reservations, he may be said to be voicing the feeling of a huge number of Churchmen. Considerable feeling has been shown, and will continue to be shown, with regard to the principles of fundamentalism, and it has been made abundantly clear that the retention of unity in the Church will prove a problem as extraordinarily difficult as settling the Prayer Book controversy. The situation is the more serious because the two considerations are inevitably linked.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 13 arrivals and 12 departures, with British making the best numerical return. Cargo registries were generally low, with British inward less than 800 tons. Vessels in harbour at 9 a.m. this morning numbered 80, of which 80 were British.

DAY BY DAY.

TRUE FRIENDS VISIT US IN PROSPERITY ONLY WHEN INVITED; BUT IN ADVERSITY THEY COME WITHOUT INVITATION.—Theophrastus.

There was a further Chinese case of typhoid fever notified yesterday.

Mr. J. R. Moreton has been appointed a Cadet in the Hongkong Civil Service.

The P. and O. s.s. Karmala, from Singapore, is due here at 6 a.m. on the 13th inst.

The s.s. Belgenland, on a world tour, is due here from Shanghai at 6 a.m. to-morrow.

We have received from Messrs. Noronha and Co. a copy of the official Race Meeting handbook.

All vessels arriving this morning report heavy monsoon conditions both north and south, with local fog.

It is notified that the Exchange Banks will open for the transaction of public business at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the 13th, 14th and 15th inst., and close at 12 noon.

Under the auspices of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, Mr. R. Vaughan-Fowler is to give an address at the City Hall, at 4 p.m. on the 21st inst., on "The Prospects of Commercial Aviation in the Far East."

The Pong Tong went into dock at Taikoo this morning, preliminary to sailing on Sunday for Singapore, Penang and Rangoon. The Clara Jensen will be docked at Taikoo for overhaul to-morrow, while the Team will leave from the same yard after overhaul and will sail for Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong on Saturday.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We have received the following letter under date of yesterday: Dear Sir,—My attention has been drawn to the report of a summons case, heard before the First Police Magistrate, Mr. R. E. Lindell, at the Central Magistracy this morning and published in to-day's issue of the Hongkong Telegraph. I cannot but regard the sub-heading "Haynes Discharged" and the subsequent report ("At this stage Mr. Blake informed his Worship that in view of the difficulty regarding evidence on interpretation, he would withdraw the charge against the defendant Haynes,") as being, not only a gross contempt of Court and a libel against myself, but, in view of the fact that the alleged offence was one, the penalty for which was merely a fine, one calculated to imply that I was in Police custody and thereby do me irreparable harm.

I must, therefore, give you notice that unless a full retraction and apology is published in to-morrow's issue of the Hongkong Telegraph, I shall forthwith take such proceedings against you as my solicitors, after taking Counsel's opinion, may advise.—Yours faithfully,
L. E. HAYNES.
Kowloon, Feb. 8th, 1928.

[We regard our report of the proceedings as a fair and accurate account of what transpired during the hearing of the case, and one which did not imply that the defendant Haynes was in the custody of the police. The Magistrate on two occasions informed the defendant Haynes that he was "discharged," and, in wording the sub-heading complained of, we merely made use of Mr. Lindell's expression. Moreover, the word "charge" was also used in Court during the proceedings.—Ed. H. K. T.]

THE EXTRADITION CASE.

REQUISITION ARRIVES FROM CANTON.

The necessary requisition has arrived from Canton in regard to the two men, natives of Song Un village, of the Tung Koon district, whose extradition is sought by the authorities in Canton for attempted murder.

They appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindell this morning, when Mr. Whyte, Smith, on behalf of the Crown, informed his Worship of the receipt of the requisition and also handed his Worship a certificate from His Excellency the Governor, declaring that Li Chai-sum, the person who signed the requisition, was the Chairman of the Provincial Government of Canton, and that he was the person exercising authority for the purpose of the extradition Ordinance of 1927.

The hearing of the case was adjourned until Thursday next.

POLICE OFFICER'S DEATH.

SUCCUMBS TO MYSTERIOUS COMPLAINT.

The death occurred yesterday, at the Government Civil Hospital, at 7.05 p.m., of acting Sub-Inspector Dickson, of the Hongkong Police.

The news of the death of this young officer will come as a shock to all who knew him, as he was a singularly healthy man in the prime of life and was going about his usual duties, as recently as Monday.

It is said that on Monday afternoon, Sub-Inspector Dickson complained of a slight fever and went to bed. He told his friends that he did not feel well and that he believed it was an attack of malaria. His condition was such that his friends considered it only a trifling complaint.

The next morning, Sub-Inspector Dickson was found in a semi-conscious state in bed and he was removed to the Government Civil Hospital at 8 a.m., by which time he had lost consciousness, and he passed away last night.

The late Sub-Inspector had been a member of the Police Force since 1919. He returned from Home leave in 1925. In 1927 he was put in charge of the Hawker's Department of the Central Police Station. Thirty years of age, he was a native of Dundee, Scotland, and leaves his parents to mourn his loss, for whom the deepest sympathy will be felt.

Sub-Inspector Dickson saw extensive War service in France and was the holder of three medals, one for general service, the 1914 star and also the Victory medal. He came through the War without being wounded.

It is understood that a post mortem examination will be held to-day. The funeral will pass the monument this afternoon at the usual hour.

"QUEEN HIGH."

BANVARD COMPANY'S BIG SUCCESS.

Another big success was scored by the Banvard Musical Comedy Company when they presented "Queen High" at the Theatre Royal last evening.

The exceptional opportunities for humour in this musical comedy were fully taken advantage of by the artists, who gave splendid renderings of their respective parts. It was surprising to note that there were several vacant seats, especially upstairs, and this is all the more surprising in view of the excellent presentations that are being made. This Company ranks as being one of the best that the Colony has had the opportunity of seeing, and those who like a bright entertainment should not fail to see them.

"Queen High" was exceptionally well produced, outstanding parts being taken by Mr. F. Atkinson as George B. Nettleton and Mr. J. Hagan as T. Boggs Johns. These two as equal partners in a Novelty Company, settle their differences as to who is the "blood and brains" of the company, by playing a hand of poker, and both enter into a contract that the winner serves the other as a servant for twelve months. The ensuing scenes are of the funniest description and drew rounds of applause from the audience.

The show was brightened by a bevy of pretty girl dancers as "Garter Girls" who were often in the picture and danced most gracefully.

The orchestra was under the direction of Mr. S. V. Corness. Furniture was kindly supplied by Messrs. Wm. Powell, Ltd.

To-night, "Katja, the Dancer" is being repeated.

MORE DOG-BITES.

TWO CASES REPORTED YESTERDAY.

That unmuzzled dogs are still at large is evidenced by the fact that two persons were victims of dog bites yesterday, according to reports made to the police.

An Alsatian hound, belonging to Mr. W. B. White, of No. 8, South View, Wanchai, yesterday bit a Japanese woman and her son, living at the same address. The animal has since been removed to Kennedy Town for observation.

The other case happened in Kowloon, when a small girl named Lenia Castro, of No. 312, Nathan Road, was sent to the Kowloon Hospital following a bite from a dog belonging to a Mr. Remedios of the same address. The animal was sent to Matalukok.

The Very Idea!

The Rev. J. Campbell speaking in Edinburgh told the story of a minister who went to a certain parish, but left it after a few years with not quite the same popularity with which he had entered.

As the minister departed someone in the congregation said of him—"He came in unimpaired, and he's gone out unimpaired."

Sub-Inspector: How was the man described to you?

Constable: As a chap with fair-looking hair and new chum appearance in his face.

Constable: The defendant was under the influence of intoxicating language.

Solicitor: Do you know King of the pie-stall?

Constable: No, but I know the king of the barrows.

On the suggestion of Signor Mussolini, the Government of Italy has presented an armoured car to the visiting King of Afghanistan (Amanullah Khan), who was most interested in a demonstration of its working.

Sometimes, in spite of our much-vaunted educational system (often described as the best in the world), native ignorance, like murder, will "out." Two well-dressed young men were reading a newspaper, when one exclaimed: "Say, Bill, here's something about a bloke named Anatole France. Who the hell is he?" "He's a famous French writer," said the other. "Anatole France was a famous French athlete!" One wonders whether poor Anatole turned in his grave, for although he was accused of many indiscretions, literary crimes, and excesses during his long and philosophic life, he was probably never once charged with having been a "famous French athlete." It would seem that literature is not one of the more profound studies in our wonderful schools.

He'd never pull up,
He only hoot,
They identified him
By one hoot.

Two tramps decided to call at the manse of a minister in the "Granite City." One called, and the other remained at the gate.

"Did he give ye anything?" said he at the gate when his companion reappeared after a long wait.

"Na," said the other disconsolately, "he did not, but he got a shillin' out o' me for the Sma' Livings Fund o' the Kirk."

Empire-buying always begins at home.—Mr. Baldwin.

Despite faults, limitations, and imperfections, the old country is one of the best in the world.—Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P.

When an industry is depressed there is always the temptation to take a nip from the bottle of protection.—Sir Herbert Samuel.

If you say to a woman "You shall not," she says "I will," and if you say to her "You may," she says "I won't."—Mr. J. W. Jarvis.

The British Empire is the youngest thing in the world, and the most potent, and stands to-day at the dawn of a great destiny.—Mr. L. S. Amery.

William Waters, a local magistrate of Burton Latimer, was fined £5 at the Kettering Police Court for stealing a packet of cigarettes valued 11s. 6d. from the Burton Latimer Conservative Club, to which he had access as a painter, while the club was undergoing renovation. As many packets of cigarettes had been missed, some packets were marked by the committee, and when another packet was missing the police were called in. When Waters was asked if he had any he produced a marked packet, which he swore he had purchased at the club bar the night before. This the club steward denied. When searched by the police another unmarked packet of cigarettes, similar to those sold at the club, was found in the lining of his clothing. It was intimated there would be an appeal.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Feb. 8.
Paris	124
Brussels	34.59
Amsterdam	12.09 1/2
Milan	16.20
Copenhagen	16.20
Vienna	34.60
Helsinki	103 1/2
Lisbon	25 1/16
Buenos Aires	702 1/2
Santiago	47 1/2
Shanghai	2 1/4
Yokohama	1 11 1/16
New York	48 7/8
Geneva	25 1/2
Berlin	20 1/2
Stockholm	18 1/16
Oslo	18 1/16
Prague	164 1/4
Madrid	22 1/2
Athens	80 1/2
Rio	55 1/2
Bombay	1 5 1/2
Hongkong	2 1/4
Silver (spot and forward)	25 1/2

—British Wireless.

LAND INVESTMENT COMPANY.

PURCHASE OF PRINCE'S BUILDING.

GARAGE TO BE BUILT ON THE PEAK.

CHAIRMAN TRIBUTED.

At this morning's meeting of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, presiding, stated that the Company had purchased Prince's Building for a sum of three million dollars. It was also stated that the Company had sold Kowloon Marine Lot 49 to the Wharf and Godown Company, but that the rear portion, consisting of 111 houses, had been bought back at cost price. The fact that the Company is erecting a public garage on Chamberlain Road, the Peak, was also disclosed.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. W. H. Bell paid a tribute to Mr. Bernard, who is shortly leaving the Colony for good.

Chairman's Speech.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—The report and statement of accounts have been in your hands for some days and with your permission I will follow the usual procedure and take them as read.

The amount available for appropriation, including \$895,991.32 brought forward from the previous year, is \$1,421,291.48—this after payment of the interim dividend in August last of \$2 per share, absorbing \$480,000. Your Directors recommend a final dividend of \$2 per share, the same as last year; a bonus to staff of \$8,000, and the balance, amounting to \$933,219.48, to be carried forward; and I trust shareholders will approve of these appropriations.

During the year, an opportunity occurred of acquiring Prince's Building, with all its recent improvements and on which we had a mortgage of \$1,500,000, for \$3,000,000. After carefully considering the matter from every point of view under present prevailing conditions, your Directors decided to effect the purchase, and I think you will agree that it makes a very fine and important addition to the Company's properties in the Central District. You will notice that to facilitate the finance of this transaction a mortgage of \$650,000, which was in existence in addition to others already mentioned, has been carried on.

Kowloon Property.

We also had a mortgage of \$1,500,000 on K.M.L. 49, but when repayment was due we could get no satisfaction from the mortgagee and, as interest was months behindhand, we sold the property by auction with a reserve sufficient to cover the principal and outstanding interest. It was bought by the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. However, they needed only the front portion of the lot, consisting of vacant land, and gave us the opportunity of purchasing from them the rear portion, consisting of 111 houses, at cost. The offer was accepted and we were thus able to acquire at a reasonable price a property with good prospects of substantial future appreciation.

The purchaser of some property at Vancian which we had sold during the boom, allowing him to leave part of the purchase money on mortgage, defaulted and we had to re-enter. The resulting value in our books was rather high, so your Directors decided to allocate \$50,000 from last year's profits to writing down the property to a more reasonable figure.

The foregoing are the principal causes of the "amount advanced on mortgages" falling from \$1,140,509.25 to \$6,144,967.86 and "amount invested in property" increasing from \$5,840,030.37 to \$9,921,285.20 during the year.

Garage on Peak.

Arrangements have just been completed for the erection of a garage at the Peak to meet the need for more accommodation for cars. It will be built on the open space on Chamberlain Road, half-way between the Peak Hotel and Mount Kellett Road. The building will be commenced almost immediately and will be completed towards the end of the year. It is planned as a two-storey building, but the upper storey will not be proceeded with until the demand for space warrants such development. The ground floor will have 14 private lock-ups, and, in addition, will be able to garage 16 cars, allowing all of them clear access to their individual parking spaces; this is without taking into consideration the open space re-

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RAMIFICATIONS OF RED PLOT.

STARTLING REVELATIONS IN CANTON.

ADMIRAL EXECUTED.

The execution in Canton of the Communist leader, Chau Man-yung, and his wife, has been followed by most vigilant searches of pedestrians by the Police.

Women pickets accompany the police armed patrols for the purpose of searching female pedestrians.

The precautions being taken by the Canton Police in due to discovery of Communist literature at the residence of the dead "Red" leader. The documents seized revealed that if the "Red" uprising failed, an attack on Shameen was planned with the intention of dealing a damaging blow to the prestige of the present moderate Kwangsi Government in Canton. Special precautions are, therefore, being taken by the Canton authorities, especially along the West Bund, which is near Shameen.

Admiral Executed.

Admiral Li Chi-lun, the former Commander of the cruiser Chungshan, which is one of the biggest gunboats in South China, was executed on the East Parade Ground, yesterday afternoon, causing considerable sensation.

Admiral Li was executed on suspicion that he was another Communist leader, and a conspirator with the late Chau Man-yung. The arrest and execution of this high naval official was over within a space of a few hours, and it is conjectured that the drastic methods adopted by the Canton Government, are also the result of the startling disclosures in the documents seized.

The management of the Central Bank in Canton announced yesterday that it will open for business transactions to-morrow, after complete suspension since it was looted by the Communists in December.

General Chan Ming-shu.

A hearty welcome was given to General Chan Ming-shu who arrived in Canton yesterday from the successful East River campaign. Almost all important officials of the Government were present at the wharf to greet General Chan.

In an official report to the Government, General Chan declares that in the course of the recent battles with the "Ironsides," over 20,000 rifles and other weapons have been captured. The 11th Army alone succeeded in taking 11,000 rifles and two hundred machine guns. The booty arrived at Canton on Monday by the cruiser Chungshan.

HARBOUR DANGER.

MARINE MAGISTRATE'S SEVERE WARNING.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Commr. G. F. Hole, yet another junk master was charged with carrying kerosene at anchor in a place other than that laid down for dangerous cargoes. His Worship passed severe strictures on junk masters, who thus endangered the lives and property of other people, and threatened heavier penalties for future offences.

Lam Yau, master of a trading junk, was charged with anchoring his craft in Victoria Harbour, having on board at the time 300 tins of kerosene. Defendant pleaded guilty.

His Worship, inflicting a fine of \$100, with the alternative of two months' imprisonment, pointed out that the maximum penalty for the offence was \$250 per day, for each day that the offence was continued. The practice of mooring craft carrying dangerous goods, in places other than the dangerous goods anchorage, was becoming more prevalent and he would adopt every means to stop these infringements of the law, even to inflicting the maximum penalty, as laid down by the Ordinance relating to this type of offence.

Chai Li, master of a trading junk, pleaded guilty to mooring his craft in the Southern Fairway, but stated that he had been compelled to anchor there, owing to the high wind.

A fine of \$5, with the alternative of five days' imprisonment, was inflicted.

The Norwegian Government has submitted a project of a similar kind.

MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

Music at Home—Some Gramophone Records—Beecham and "The Messiah."

[BY "ALLEGRO."]

The London Concert Season is in full swing and the advertisements and notices of all the recitals and orchestral performances make the perusal of the Home musical journals rather a bitter task, as it brings home to one how much music is being missed out here. The outstanding event in London has been the visit of the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra under Furtwangler. The performances, excited wonderment and admiration and the critics were unanimous in their praise, one stating that it was the biggest musical sensation we have had in London for many years.

I have just tried through a selection of recent H.M.V. records in stock at Moutrie's. A Mendelssohn Trio by Cortot, Thibaud and Casals is very well done, and those who like that composer will derive enjoyment from the clean-cut and brilliant rendering of it. There were two Margheras of Elgar and the attractive Tschalkowsky "Sleeping Beauty" Waltz which can be recommended. All the recent musical comedy successes are now available in the form of vocal and orchestral selections, the best being "Oh, Kay!" "Peggy Ann" and "The Girl Friend." I should think "The Girl Friend" show would be a success in London, as it was in America, judging solely from the catchiness of the tunes.

Two choruses from "Cavalleria Rusticana" by the Metropolitan Opera Chorus, a Strauss, Waltz played by Rachmaninoff, and an orchestral version of Bach's D minor Toccata and Fugue are among the best Victor records just in, but the prize goes to Backhaus' playing of Beethoven's Emperor Concerto, with the Royal Albert Hall Orchestra (on four records). All the famous works are now being re-recorded by wireless as fast as they can be turned out, for nobody wishes to listen to the old type of muffled record now that we are accustomed to the clear and realistic wireless and electric recordings. Consequently, we have to wait patiently for many favourite works which are not yet available at all for the gramophone and which we hoped would shortly make their appearance, while these better-known masterpieces are repeated by the new process.

The Emperor Concerto is the most famous of Beethoven's five works for piano and orchestra. Lamond originally played this for H.M.V. but for some reason or other the recording was not very successful, and the discs were withdrawn from the market; when the time came for making it afresh, the soloist chosen was Backhaus, who was in London at the time.

Some sets of the Columbia recording of "The Messiah," complete in two volumes, have arrived at Anderson's. For those who are fond of oratorio, it will serve as a compensation for being deprived of the annual or semi-annual performances of it among the enthusiastic amateur choral societies at Home. While the recording is most excellent, I must say that, with all deference to Sir Thomas Beecham and the B.B.C. Choir, there are performances by amateur societies where the conductor has "got more out of" the music, and the choir has "put more into" it than in the present instance. Some of the choruses are taken at such a pace that the singers have simply to gabble the words, and Dora Labette gives the impression in "Rejoice Greatly" that she has to get through it as quickly as possible in order to finish it on one side of a record. But some people like their Handel Allegros taken presto, and I suppose there is room for differences of opinion in oratorio, as in everything else.

Since writing the above, I have read a statement made by Lionel Powell, the concert agent, that Beecham got so enthusiastic over conducting "The Messiah" in London last December that "he finished the first half 7 minutes in front of time and the second half 12 minutes sooner than was usual. Beecham can speed up even Handel!" Is not Oratorio a new departure for Beecham? Hansen Swaffer once asked him what he thought of a Handel Festival. "Why" asked Beecham ironically, "because Handel wrote some tunes should all the old women in the suburbs who think they can sing stand up on a platform and scream all at once? Handel would turn in his grave if he knew."

It is a great pity that, of all the works recorded for the gramophone at the Three Choirs Festival, the Cesar Franck Symphony will not be forthcoming owing to the fact that at the conclusion of the first movement the microphone,

TORCH THEFT BY CONSTABLE.

CASE ENDS AT KOWLOON MAGISTRACY.

IMPOSITION OF FINE.

Before Mr. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, the case of theft against a Chinese constable was concluded. The defendant was charged with stealing an electric torch from a passenger of the Shamshui ferry on January 8th.

The prosecution alleged that during a search of a Chinese on the ferry wharf, the defendant found a torch on him. The constable refused to return the article, and on a report being subsequently made to the police, he was arrested.

Defendant's Story.

While it was admitted by the defence that a torch was taken from the passenger, the defendant claimed that he put it back in the man's rattan basket.

The torch, which was subsequently found on the defendant, was claimed by the constable as his own. He said he had purchased it from a fellow-constable who had since deserted from the Force.

It was submitted by Mr. Lo Shing Lo, for the defence, that there was no evidence of identification and also that it would have been exceedingly daring for the constable to have stolen a torch in such a crowded place.

Magistrate's Ruling.

His Worship ruled against Mr. Lo in both instances. The question of identity was not important; said his Worship, as larceny charges had been often substantiated without the stolen article being recovered. Regarding the other point, his Worship said that the people who were on the wharf would have been hurrying to catch the ferry, while the defendant might have relied upon the fact that he was a policeman in uniform.

Mr. Lo remarked that if his Worship ruled against his view on the point of identity, it would place policemen in a precarious position, as anybody might claim to own any torch which a policeman carried.

His Worship remarked that it would be easy for policemen to put some mark of identity on their torches.

In referring to the story by the defendant, Mr. Lo asked if it were usual for policemen, after a search, to put things back in the place from which they had been taken.

Departmental Convictions.

The defendant was convicted, and his record disclosed 33 departmental offences in the course of four and a half years.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$75, with the alternative of six weeks' hard labour.

A JUNK MASTER'S RIFLE.

FINE OF \$100 FOR POSSESSION.

The master of a cargo junk was charged before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with being in possession of a rifle without a permit.

The defendant admitted possession, but said he had lost his permit.

It was pointed out that there was no mention of any arms whatever on the defendant's junk licence.

After being further questioned, the defendant admitted that he had not applied for a permit. The licence he referred to belonged to the previous owner of the junk.

Asked why he had the rifle, the defendant said he wanted it for protection against pirates.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$100. It was stated that the rifle was concealed under a quantity of coal.

In some acoustic accident, picked up and recorded the remark made by some woman in the Cathedral audience: "Tell me, my dear, where do you buy your stockings?" What is puzzling to a layman is why this remark, made during a pause between movements, should irretrievably ruin the whole recording; why is it impossible to obliterate the interpolation? If any reader can throw light on this matter, I wish he would give an explanation in the correspondence columns of the Telegraph.

A BIG MORTGAGE CLAIM.

SHANGHAI DECISION UPHELD.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK WIN ON APPEAL.

TLS. 190,000 INVOLVED.

Upholding the decision of Judge Milton D. Purdy of the United States Court for China, the Court of Appeals of San Francisco, with three Judges sitting on the bench, according to information obtained in Shanghai was denied the appeal of the firm of Messrs. L. C. Gillespie and Sons, against the decision granted in favour of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

The higher Court held that the decision of Judge Purdy must stand and that the American firm must pay the banking corporation the sum of Tls. 190,000, with interest at seven and one-half per cent, making a total of Tls. 209,310.36. The decision of the higher Court was rendered by Judges Rudkin, Gilbert and Dietrich.

The Complaint.

The action was brought by the banking corporation and involves a mortgage on a steamer. The complaint alleges:

That on October 6th the American-West China Navigation Company executed and delivered to the New Engineering and Shipbuilding Works, Ltd., a deed of mortgage covering a vessel known as the Mel Ren, the mortgage covering all the equipment of the vessel, in the sum of Tls. 200,000 and interest at ten per cent per annum;

That by a contract in writing dated December 30, 1922, made between the American-West China Navigation Company, the New Engineering Corporation, and the banking corporation, the latter took over all of the right, title and interest of the New Corporation in the mortgage, and the debt secured thereby was assigned and transferred to the bank. That at the date of the transfer the principal sum due was Tls. 190,000, which the American-West China Navigation Company agreed to pay within 90 days, with interest at seven and one-half per cent;

That on April 3 the defendant concerned, for a valuable consideration guaranteed in writing the repayment of the sum, and agreed to pay same in the event the American concern should be in default of payment.

No Authority.

During the trial it was the contention of Gillespie and Sons that Mr. Hunter Mann, who acted as agent for the company in the transaction, was without authority to do so and did not have the proper power of attorney so to act. The answer of the defendant to the plaintiff's complaint denied that there was any valuable consideration received for the alleged guarantee of payment by the navigation company. There was no consideration at all for the said guarantee, it was set forth.

The answer also alleged that the plaintiff never at any time entered into an actual or binding contract with the New Engineering Corporation to release and discharge the latter concern from all their rights and liabilities of whatsoever nature under the deed of guarantee made between the New Corporation and the plaintiff and dated December 30, 1922, and that therefore the said alleged guarantee between the plaintiff and the defendant of April 3, 1923, as recited in said guarantee, wholly and utterly failed and said alleged guarantee was a nullity.

The complaint was filed in the American Court for China, through Mr. J. M. Howes, Clerk of Court, on February 4, 1925. The answer was filed with Mr. Howes on March 8, 1925. During the trial Messrs. Hunter Mann, Capt. W. J. Elsler, A. S. Adamson, H. B. Roe and Cecil Moberg testified for the plaintiff. For the defendant the depositions of Messrs. Samuel H. Gillespie and John Thomas Gillespie were submitted.

Judge Purdy's Decision.

The decision was given by Judge Purdy on November 22, 1925. The court held that on April 3, 1923, Hunter Mann, agent of the defendant, signed and delivered to the complainant for a good and valuable consideration, a guarantee in writing by an instrument under seal, which provided that the defendant guaranteed the repayment by the said American-West China Navigation Company of the sum of Tls. 190,000.

Although Hunter Mann, the court held, was not authorized by power of attorney to sign a written guarantee on behalf of the defendant, the defendant, by conduct and actions ratified the action of Mr. Hunter Mann.

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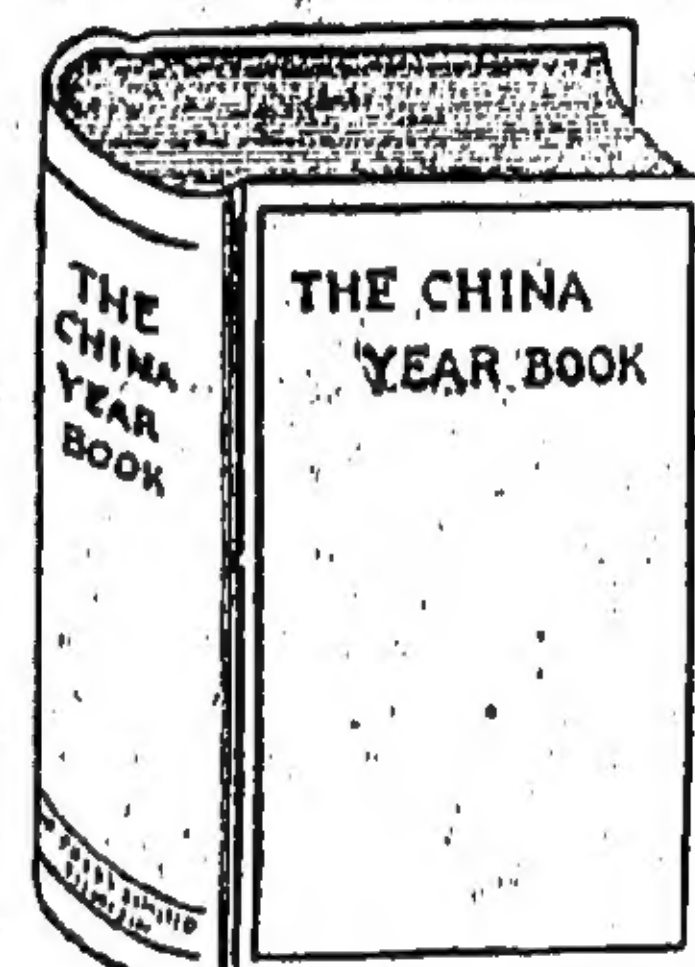
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A BIG MORTGAGE CLAIM.

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Judgment Upheld.

In upholding the decision of the lower Court, Judge Rudkin of the Appellate Court said:

"This is a writ of error to review a judgment of the United States for China in favour of the plaintiff, based on special findings of fact. The assignments of error all based on the insufficiency of the testimony to support some of the special findings, but the findings themselves were not excepted to and the sufficiency of the testimony to support them was not challenged in the court below. On such a record it is firmly settled, if a question of practice and procedure can ever be settled, that there is no question before this court for review."

The defendants in the case are Messrs. John Thomas Gillespie and Samuel Hassard Gillespie, doing business in China under the name of Messrs. L. C. Gillespie and Sons. They were represented by Messrs. Davies and Bryan. The attorneys for the plaintiff were Messrs. Fessenden, Holcomb and Snyder. The decision of the higher court was given on January 9.

KING OF AFGHANS.

PLEASED WITH RECEPTION
IN FRANCE.

Paris, Feb. 8.

The King of Afghanistan declared to *Le Matin* how delighted he was with the entertainment he had received in France and how deeply he was impressed with all he saw. He added that he realised that a nation possessing such a rich past should be so great now and in the future. — *Havas*.

LAND INVESTMENT COMPANY.

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served for manoeuvring purposes. Rooms are also being provided for a limited number of chauffeurs. Your Director feels that this garage will be a great boon to owners of cars at the Peak, and particularly to those who drive their own machines. It is not intended to compete with the established garages in the Colony and no provision has been made for repair shops, but facilities will be arranged for obtaining ordinary supplies.

Sir Paul Chater's Sent.

Last year I referred briefly to the position in regard to the right of appointment of a successor which the late Sir Paul Chater held in respect of his position of "Permanent and Managing Director" of this Company. I mentioned that we had been advised that the appointments he made were not legal. The position was later given in Court, and judgment given in favour of this Company. The decision, however, has been appealed against and the appeal will be heard at an early date. As the matter has not yet been finally settled, our auditors have desired us to show as a Contingent Liability the amount involved up to the end of 1927. You will see a note regarding this at the bottom of the balance sheet, but I may add that no provision has been made in the accounts.

When Prince's Building was acquired, your Directors invited Mr. J. E. Joseph, who was Managing Director of the Princes Building Company, to join our Board, and his name will come before you to-day for election. Mr. Joseph has had very considerable experience in property matters and his presence on the Board is of great value to the Company.

I do not think there are any other matters that call for comment, and I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented. When this has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions which shareholders may wish to ask.

Mr. Bernard Thanked.

In according the report and accounts, which were unanimously adopted, Mr. W. H. Bell said:—I have been asked to second the proposal for the adoption of the report and accounts. It gives me very great pleasure to speak on this occasion because I consider that in view of the very difficult times we have had during the past two or three years the accounts are remarkably sound and reflect the highest credit on the management.

As you all probably know our Chairman, the Hon. Mr. Bernard, is leaving the Colony very soon and is going to London to take charge of the interests of Jardine, Matheson's. In all probability, therefore, this is the last occasion that he will take the chair at the annual meeting of this Company. Also no doubt, you are aware that, as the head of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., and as our chairman he has a very great say in the direction of the affairs of our Company. In view of very difficult times through which we have passed, I think that we ought to congratulate Mr. Bernard personally on the great success with which he has steered the affairs of this Company.

In my opinion, shareholders owe a very hearty and very special vote of thanks to Mr. Bernard. I feel sure, also, that you will all join with me in wishing him the best voyage, and good health at home, and that when he resumes work he will have the same success in the City of London as he has undoubtedly had in Hongkong. — (Applause.)

Mr. Bernard:—First of all I thank Mr. Bell for his very kind remarks and you for the kind way in which you have received them. I would like to say that the credit for the management of this Colony rests with the Board. The Board considers every matter with great care, and the credit for the management of the Company really rests with the Board of Directors as a whole.

Directors Elected.

The appointment of Mr. J. E. Joseph to the Board was confirmed, on the proposition of Mr. D. V. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. J. A. Tarrant.

Mr. A. H. Compton and Sir Robert Ho Tung were re-elected to the Board, on the proposition of Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, seconded by Mr. B. W. Tape.

Mr. W. S. Bailey proposed and Mr. P. S. Cassidy seconded that Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth Fleming, and Messrs. Linstead and Davis be re-elected as auditors at a remuneration of \$750 each. The motion was carried.

The Chairman announced that that concluded the business. He added that dividend warrants

SCOTTISH CUP.

DRAW FOR THE THIRD ROUND.

HEARTS V. MOTHERWELL.

London, Feb. 8.

The draw for the third round of the Scottish Cup took place to-day and resulted as follows:

Celtic	v. Alloa.
St. Mirren	v. Partick.
Dundee	v. Dunfermline.
Hibernians	v. Falkirk.
Aldon	v. Airdrie.
King's Park	v. Rangers.
Kilmarnock	v. Queen's Park.
Hearts	v. Motherwell.

All matches to be played on February 18.—*Reuter*.

The draw offers little of interest, outside the match between the Hearts and Motherwell, which has great possibilities. It is really the tit-bit of the draw. Hearts are one of the most prolific scoring teams in Scotland, Motherwell have been going very strongly in the League away from home.

The Rangers and Celtic may be expected to win their matches comfortably.

YESTERDAY'S MATCHES.

Many Games in England and Scotland.

London, Feb. 8.

Nine soccer matches were played in Scotland to-day, Motherwell and Dundee eliminating their respective opponents and getting into the third round of the Scottish Cup. Nearly a full programme of League games was played, the results being:

Division I.

Aston Villa	3	Burnley	1
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Division III (North).

Crowe	3	Rotherham	2
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Scottish Cup (Replays).

Raith	1	Motherwell	2
Dundee	1	Dundee U.	0

Scottish League.

Cowdenbeath	1	Clyde	1
Partick	3	Hibernian	0
St. Johnstone	1	Dunfermline	1
Hearts	9	Falkirk	3
Aberdeen	2	Hamilton	0
Airdrie	0	Kilmarnock	2
Boness	2	Queen's Park	0

LOCAL BILLIARDS.

K.C.C. WIN NARROWLY OVER Y.M.C.A.

At the Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, last night, a very interesting billiards match was played between the K.C.C. and the Y.M.C.A. resulting in a victory for the visitors by 48 points. The results were:

Y.M.C.A.		K.C.C.	
W. Leach	150	Capt Bevis	60
W. Taylor	123	Lt. Atkins	150
T. Pile	82	J. P. Murray	150
R. Richards	150	N. Ross	137
F. Cowherd	147	J. Robinson	150
C. T. Evans	97	S. E. Green	150
Total	754	Total	797

CRICKET.

RECREIO TEAM FOR NEXT SATURDAY.

The following will represent the Recreio in a League Match against the R.A.O.C. on Saturday, at King's Park, starting at 2 p.m.:—H. A. Alves (Capt.), H. M. Xavier, R. C. Reed, H. A. Barros, C. M. Sousa, L. J. Guterres, D. P. Xavier, E. de Sousa, D. F. Lopes and F. H. Carvalho.

The distinction between a contagious and infectious disease is that the former is communicated by contact only, whereas the latter may be conveyed by germs through air, water or food.

could be obtained at the Company's office to-morrow.

The Attendance.

In addition to the Chairman, other Directors present were Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. J. E. Joseph, Mr. A. S. Gubbay, and Mr. H. P. White; with Mr. L. S. Greenhill, Secretary.

Shareholders present were Messrs. W. S. Bailey, H. A. Rogers, B. W. Tape, W. H. Bell, A. C. Kennedy, W. E. L. Shenton, J. A. Tarrant, N. V. A. Croucher, C. S. dos Remedios, O. F. Ribeiro, P. B. Cassidy, T. G. Wall, J. M. Alves, D. V. Stevenson, F. Ansin, R. Denny, A. E. Samy, B. C. Randall, J. T. Bagram, and Fung Kung-an.

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish League matches (to be played on Saturday next, February 11th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the *Telegraph* during the weeks August 29—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on February 11th:—

DIVISION I.

Blackburn	v.	Newcastle.
Cardiff	v.	Huddersfield.
Portsmouth	v.	Liverpool.
West Ham	v.	The Arsenal.

DIVISION II.

Clapton	v.	West Brom. A.
Oldham	v.	Manchester C.

DIVISION III.

Luton T.	v.	Millwall.
Plymouth	v.	Swindon.
Stockport	v.	Bradford.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Queen's Park	v.	Cowdenbeath.
Rangers	v.	Motherwell.
Raith R.	v.	Hearts.

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REBUKED BY A TAILOR.

GOVERNOR OF N.S.W. TAKEN TO TASK.

"If Sir Dudley de Chair wears Australian clothes, he must make further demands on his inner personality to convey the fact that he is a gentleman," says a tailor expert.—Mr. Dennis Bradley—in the *Daily News*, commenting on the report that Sir Dudley de Chair had advised Australians to use Australian suitings.

Mr. Bradley adds:—"Sir Dudley will find that his clothes no longer help him to show that he is a gentleman. Let him wear Australian cloth for a few months, and he will be back running round Bond-street for cloth worthy of his position."

"Australia," continues the expert, "produces the best wool in the world, but requires the experience of the English weaver to turn out cloth for a smartly-dressed man. Australia produces cheaper clothes, but the best tailors in Sydney and Melbourne come from London, and their supplies from Huddersfield. Australians may be good at shearing sheep, but every Australian man of fashion knows that it takes a Londoner to cut a decent suit."

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1240 b.
Chartered Bank, \$214 b.
Mercantile A. & B., \$322 n.
P. and O., \$10 n.
East Asia, \$731 b.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$615 b.
Union Ins., \$305 s.
North China, Ins., Tls. 143 n.
Yangtze Ins., \$461 b.
China Underwriters, \$21 b.
China Fire, \$215 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$680 n.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$42 b.
H. K. Steamboats, \$261 b.
H. K. Tugs, \$290 s.
Indo-Chinas, (Prof.) \$36 n.
Shell Trans., \$5/- n.
Union Waterboats, \$17 X. Div b.

Mining.

Bonguets, \$21 b.
Kailans, \$4/- n.
Langkats, Tls. \$181 b.
Shai Exploration, Tls. 2.85 n.
Raubs, \$42 b.
Tronohs, 17/6 b.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$135 b.
Whampoa Docks, \$475 b.
China Providents, \$625 b.
Hongkows, Tls. 163 b.
Now Engineers, Tls. 5 s.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 97 b.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. \$7.55 ss.
Orientals, Tls. 2 b.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 48 (old) b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$8.35 b.
H. K. Lands, \$661 b.
Shai Lands, Tls. \$133 b.
Humphreys, \$151 b.
Roslies, \$8.50 b.
Territorials, \$11 n.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$27 s.
Peak Tram, (old) \$14 n.
Star Ferries, \$67 b.
China Lights, (Comb.) \$17.85 b.
H'kong Electric, \$74 s.
Macao Electric, \$21 X Rights b.
Telephones, \$4.50 s.
China Buses, Tls. 61 n.
Singapore Tractors, 11/9 b.

Industrials.

China Sugars, \$92 b.
Malabons, \$274 n.
Canton Icos, \$4 b.
Cements (Comb.) \$11.40 s.
Ropes (Old) \$10 n.
United Asbestos, \$10 s.

Stores &c.

Dairy, Farms, \$184 b.
Watsons, \$124 b.
Dur A. Wing, \$6 s.
Lane Crawford, \$3.10 s.
Mackintosh, \$22 s.
Simoes, \$9 b.
Wm. Powells, \$5 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$231 b.
Constructions, \$11 n.
B'quo Ind. G. Bnody, 56% b.
H. K. G. Loan, 5% Prorr.

POLICE RAID DANCE CLUB.

"MERRY CHRISTMAS" AT SILVER SLIPPER.

A seasonable welcome to Christmas at the Silver Slipper Club, in Regent-street—one of the newest and most fashionable of the London dance and supper clubs—was interrupted by a sudden visit from the police.

Christmas Eve festivities at the club were continued into the early hours of Christmas Day, and it was then that the official "visit of inspection" took place. No regard to seasons is paid in police procedure. Christmas morning to the police is the same as any other morning, when there is work to be done. Therefore, arrangements were made for inspecting the "Silver Slipper" on Christmas morning.

Evening Dress. Officers from the "Blue Force"—that is, the uniform branch of the police—at Marlborough-street station were detailed for the task. They discarded their uniforms for evening clothes, and set forth in two taxicabs.

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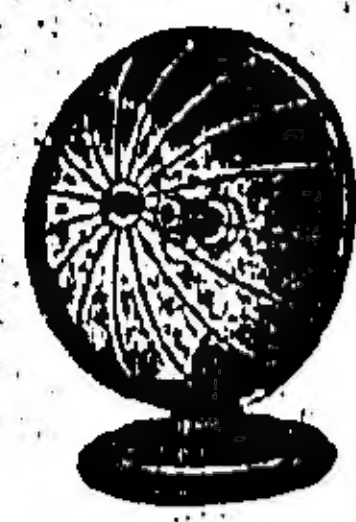
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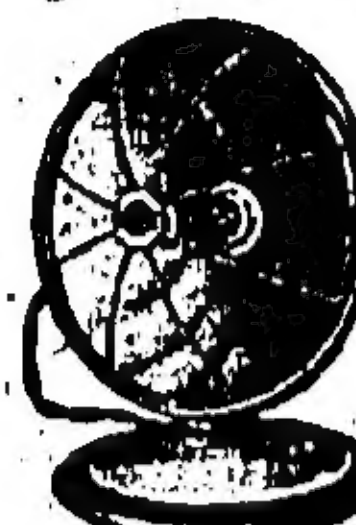
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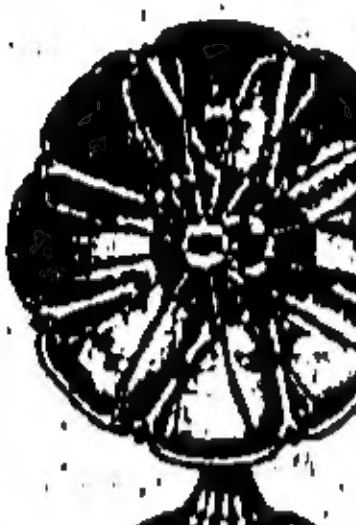
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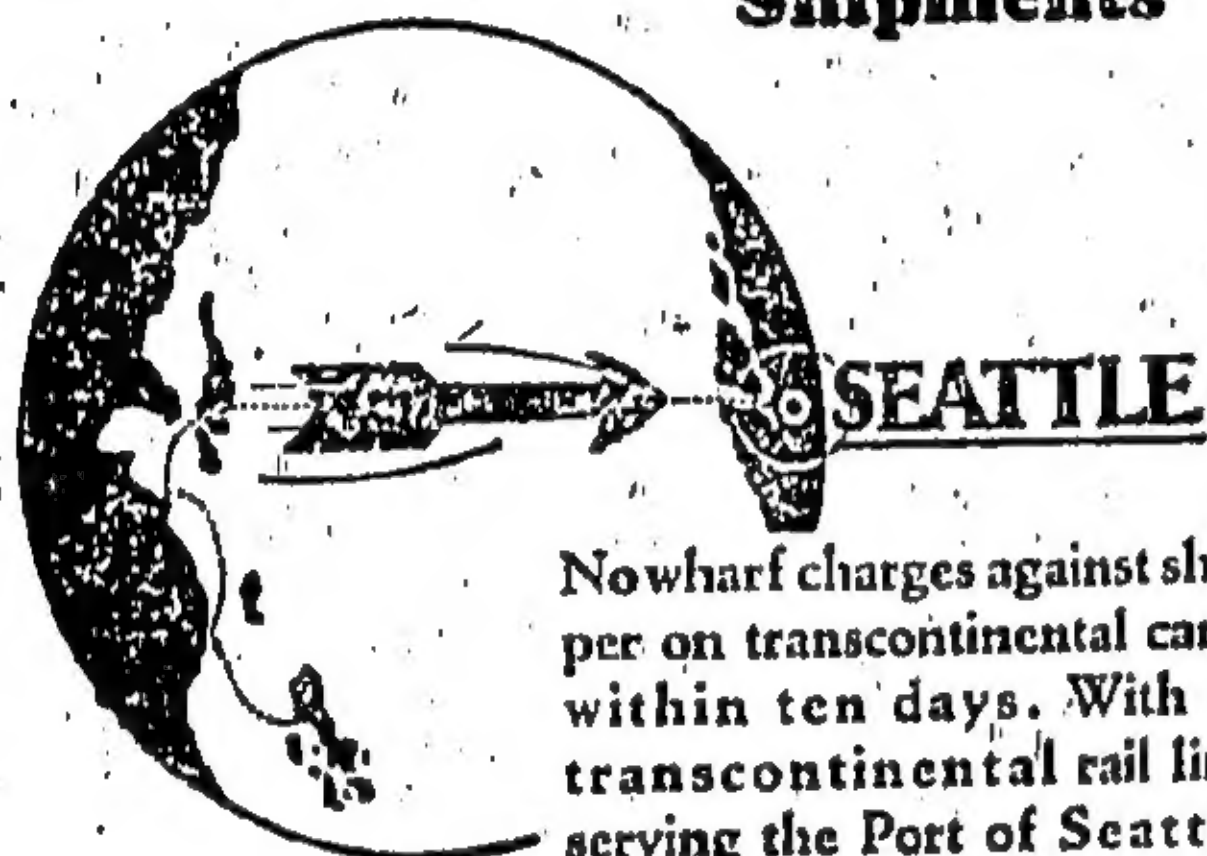
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SHARE TRANSACTION.

JUDGMENT RESERVED IN SHANGHAI CASE.

In H.M. Supreme Court at Shanghai before Judge Sir Peter Grain, the case was resumed in which D. Arakio is the plaintiff in an action against C. D. Komarof to recover Tls. 1,410.75 for an alleged breach of contract in reference to the purchase of 3,000 Tanah Merah shares. Mr. Tycho Wing appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. M. B. Brown represented the defendant.

The defendant in the witness box stated that there was a potential arrangement between the plaintiff and himself whereby information regarding the share market would be given to him by the plaintiff and he (the defendant), in return, would write articles for the newspaper in which the plaintiff was interested. Defendant went on to say that he came to the conclusion that the plaintiff was a member of a share-brokers' association although he had not made any inquiries in regard thereto.

Tips in Return for Articles.

Mr. Brown: When Mr. Arakio said that he rang you up twice offering the shares, is that correct?—No. He rang me up once. It was about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and in the course of the conversation, he told me that the transaction was completed. I was not surprised when he telephoned me offering the shares, considering the previous conversations when Mr. Arakio had suggested that he would give me tips in return for my writing articles in his paper. I was not surprised when he called up, for I took this to be one of the tips.

Mr. Brown: And from whom came the suggestion for this particular deal?—From Mr. Arakio.

Mr. Brown: What was the next thing that happened after you had seen Mr. Arakio in his office and repudiated the purchase of the shares? I received a notification that I would be sued for not taking up the shares, or rather, I received a tender of the script and the statement of account.

In reply to Mr. Tycho Wing in cross-examination, defendant said that he had written an article for Mr. Arakio, but he was not quite sure on what subject. He thought it might have been on some phase of Chinese trade—on the subject of Chinese produce. In regard to the shares, he had accepted them in good faith and had signed the confirmation note which had been sent to him.

Mr. Wing:—If you had any doubt as to whether it was a good purchase or not, why did you not ring up somebody—one of your financial friends—and find out?—I had no doubt that the price represented was the best price at which the shares could be bought on the market. I did not know he was an outside broker, I thought he was a legitimate broker.

Did you think he belonged to an association?—Yes, to the Sharebrokers' Association. I believed that and that is what I have always said.

Defendant and Plaintiff's Status. You realize, that a charge of fraud is a very serious charge?—Yes.

And you would not want to have such a charge preferred against you?—No.

Witness went on to say that he had never asked anyone whether plaintiff was a member of any sharebrokers' association.

Mr. Wing: I put it to you that Mr. Arakio never gave you any ground for thinking that you should believe anything of the kind, and in order to get out of the contract you are saying all these things?—That is not so.

You said that Mr. Arakio offered to rescind the contract?—Yes. His words were, "If you think you have not had a square deal you are under no obligation," and I said that I would have nothing to do with the shares.

Counsel referred to some correspondence which had passed between the parties and witness said that it had never been in his mind to sell the shares because he repudiated the transaction.

Mr. Wing:—Why did you not sell the shares?—It did not occur to me that I should sell. I did not have the shares.

You had bought these shares for December delivery and you are now complaining that they were not sold to you on November 8 or 9. I am asking you if it never occurred to you to sell?—Yes.

Not Waiting for the Cat.

You were waiting to see which way the cat would jump?—No.

You thought that if we carried the shares for you, and if the price would rise in December, you would take them up—you were gambling with our money?—Absolutely no.

Counsel briefly reviewed the evidence and addressed the Court, after which his Lordship reserved judgment.

WITH THE STARS AT HOLLYWOOD.

MISS EVELYN BRENT ON LANGUAGES.

IMPORTANT TO BE LINGUIST.

Hollywood, Calif., Jan. 3. Knowledge of a foreign language is important if you are to be a success in the motion picture world, is the belief of Evelyn Brent.

"I never realized the importance of being able to speak a foreign tongue until I started working with Emil Jannings," remarked Miss Brent. "I couldn't see what difference it made how a person talked before the camera and I often used to just pretend I was talking. I figured that the title writers did my speaking for me."

Jannings Talks.

"Since working with Jannings I have come to regard my talking as important as any other phase of acting," Jannings always speaks German—in fact he knows only a few English words. And when he talks he has more force on the screen than any other actor I have seen. The reason is that foreign words as a rule are longer than ours. The additional syllables seem to put life into an otherwise dead speech."

Evelyn now lugs a German book almost everywhere she goes and she actually works at learning the language between scenes in her picture. By the time she finishes her roles with the great German actor, Evelyn probably will speak his language better than he does hers—that is unless she tires of the strain of studying.

Adds to Effect.

Early "rushes" of "The Road to Glory," which Miss Brent is playing with Jannings, prove that the foreign language actually is an asset. Even her meager knowledge has added a sparkle she lacked before.

Evelyn Brent has climbed the cinema ladder two rungs at a time during the last six months. She was given the leading feminine role in Ben Hecht's "Underworld" with George Bancroft and Clive Brook. That picture is one of the great films of 1927. And it gained for her the feminine lead in "Ben Hur."

Now she is trying something entirely new—and if she is successful, foreign language teachers are going to be in great demand around Hollywood.

SNOW IN JAPAN.

CAUSES MANY DEATHS AND MUCH DAMAGE.

Tokyo, Feb. 8. Violent snowstorms in Northern Japan have caused a number of deaths, damage to shipping and general disruption of communications. Wrecks include eight motor boats which capsized off the Hokkaido coast. The bodies of thirteen fishermen were washed ashore and many others are believed to have been drowned.—Reuter.

INDIAN DEADLOCK.

BOYCOTT MEETINGS BANNED.

Madras, Feb. 8. The chief magistrate of the Presidency has banned for a month all meetings for the purpose of organizing a hartal during the Simon Commission's visit to Madras. The publication of posters and the organization of volunteers for propaganda work are also prohibited.—Reuter.

BRITISH LEGION.

ADMIRAL JELlicoe OFFERED PRESIDENCY.

London, Feb. 8. The National Executive Council of the British Legion has invited Admiral Jellicoe to become President of the Legion in succession to the late Earl Haig.—Reuter.

A LONG HIGHWAY.

Havana, Feb. 8. The Pan-American Conference has adopted a project for a transcontinental highway to stretch the entire length of North, Central and South America.—Reuter's American Service.

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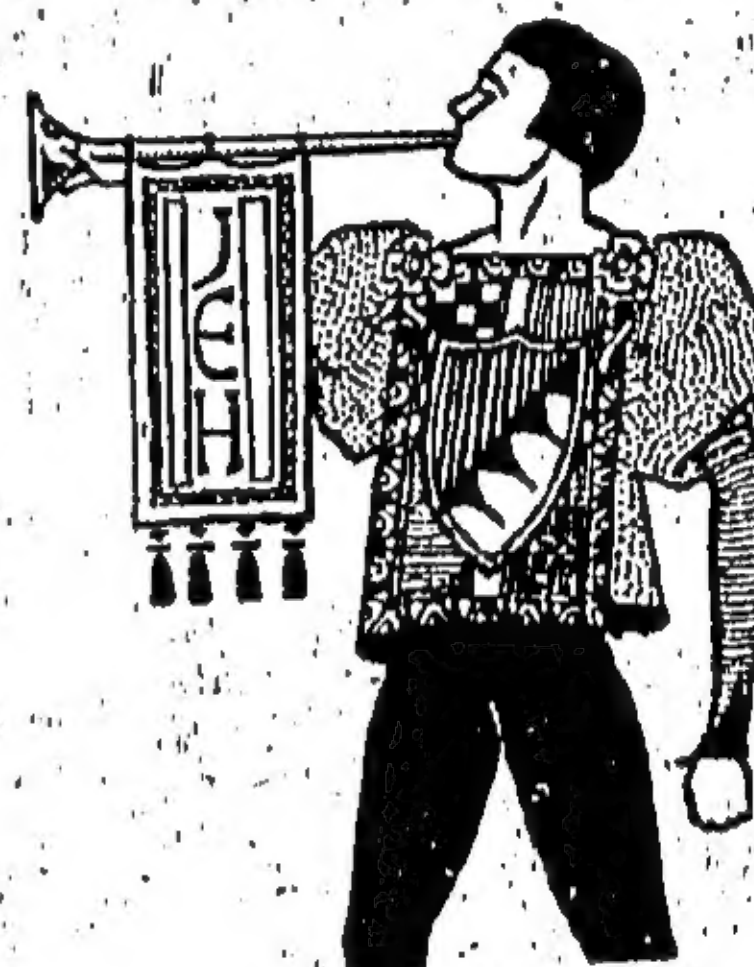
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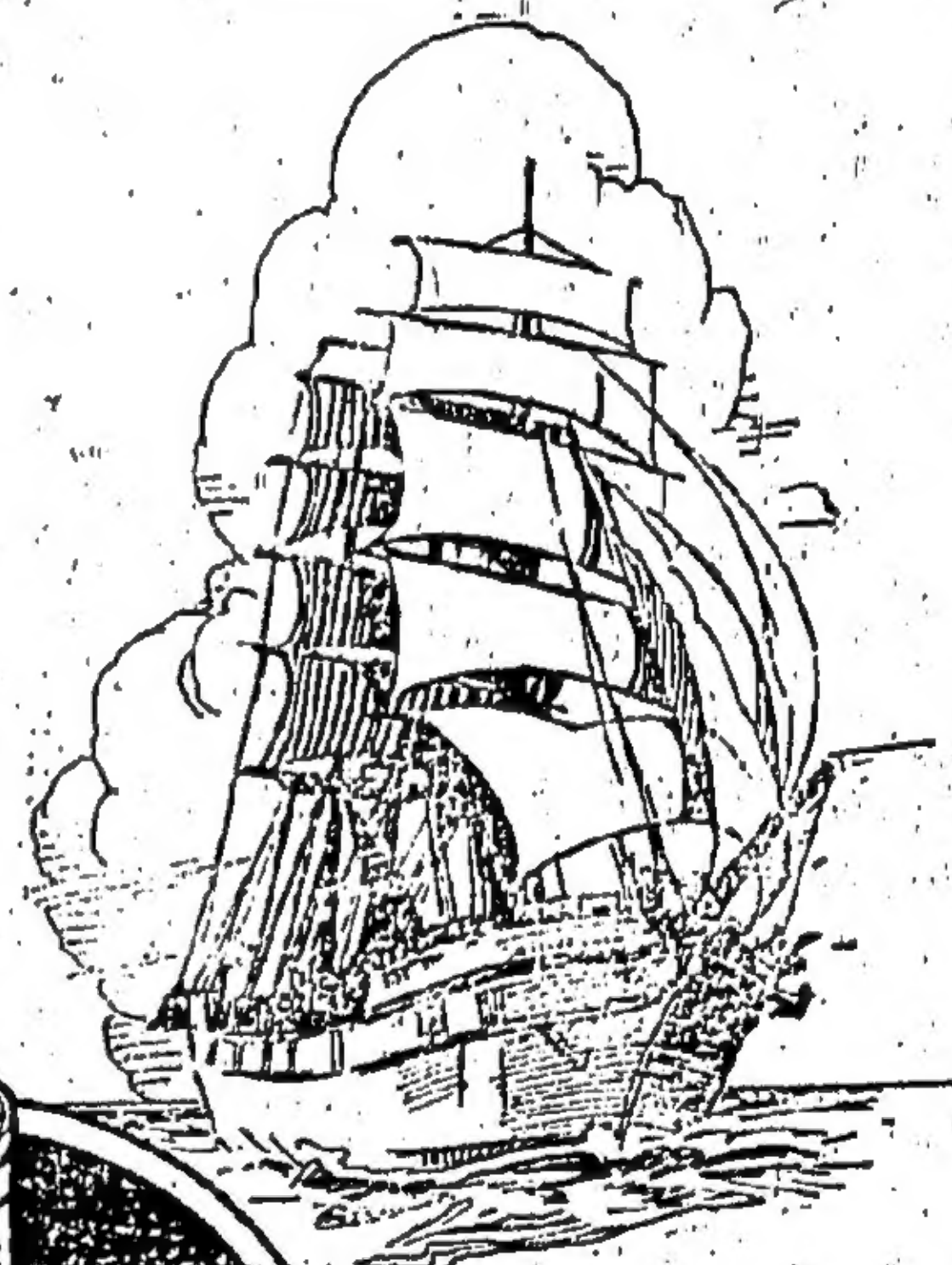
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CHAPTER VIII.

Joyce entered Otto Rigg's house by the front door. She knew that Storch must have gone straight to Otto, and therefore that a cross-examination was inevitable. She decided that it would be best to get it over at once.

She also decided to accept Martin Stannard's suggestion to tell everything. She did not exactly admit to herself that she was accepting it. She told herself that for the sake of justice she should speak.

Otto Rigg came out of his study at the first sound of her footsteps in the hall. He stood there staring at her for a moment in his cold and impassive way, and a chill of terror went through her as his emotionless little eyes bored through her.

But he said nothing, his hand merely motioned her silently to his study.

As she took a step forward Storch came bursting in through the door; he had evidently been on the watch for her by the balcony steps. He rushed at her.

"Where is he?" he snarled. "Where's the dog hiding?" He stopped suddenly, realising Otto Rigg was there. Under those cold little eyes he stammered. "All right, Mr. Rigg. Didn't know you were here. I'll leave it to you."

"Yes," said Otto Rigg, softly, "you had better leave it to me. He walked solidly ahead into the study, followed by Joyce and Storch.

For a minute after they were seated Otto Rigg gazed emotionlessly at Joyce, and she felt her courage slipping into terror of the man. Then:

"So, you are in league with a scoundrel, Joyce," he said, frigidly. "A scoundrel?" she echoed.

"Martin Stannard. He is a friend of yours."

"No," said Joyce, evenly. "You know where to meet him, anyhow," snarled Storch.

"I guessed where I might meet him," said Joyce. "I had seen him walking there last night. I went there in the hope of meeting him again. I have never met him before."

"And might I ask what design, or shall I say, feminine whim, led you to want to meet him again?" said Otto.

"Because I wanted to make certain whether I was justified in keeping back the fact that I had met him at the bottom of Seward Gamlin's drive on the night of Seward Gamlin's death. And the fact that he had asked me whether Mr. Gamlin was at home."

"Ah," said Otto. "So that was what you were keeping back?"

"Yes," said Joyce. "I kept it back—perhaps stupidly."

"Could you tell me why you did that, Joyce?"

"Because, at first, it seemed to me that he had no bearing on the case, and I did not want to drag him in unwittingly. I don't know now why I adopted that attitude. I suppose it was because I faced the thing on the spur of the moment. And—and he didn't seem—seem the sort of man—who—"

"I know, Joyce," Otto said, in a tone almost kindly. "I know the sort of impression Martin Stannard makes—to my cost."

"And then when Kite insisted that Seward Gamlin had no visitors at all, also said that he was alive at ten o'clock, I felt that probably the stranger hadn't called after all. You see, I had seen him walking on the Common about half-past nine."

"That decided me that this man had no connexion with Mr. Gamlin's death, and I kept silent."

"And what brought about a change of mind, Joyce?" said Otto, suavely. "Why did you go to meet him to find out?"

"It grew on me from what I'd overheard. This strange business of Mr. Gamlin's gift to the shareholders of Consolidated Exploitations, the anxiety you all showed, all these things made me think that there was something bigger behind this. And then, too, there was the way you misled the doctor and the pressman—and me."

"Not you, at all events," he said, ruefully. "I only hope I did not appear so clumsy to the doctor and pressman."

He gave her a faint, fatherly little smile. He was feeling sure of her now. He felt sure that her meeting with Stannard had set her against that young man, and that now she was actually an ally of his own.

"You are right, my dear," he said. "I did try to mislead you, and I did tell you a story that was not true to that end. I had a reason—but that we will talk of later. Your meeting to-night with Stannard is more to the purpose. That meeting, I gather, decided you that you must speak to me?"

"Yes," said Joyce.

"And the reason is, of course, that Martin Stannard made you

aware that he was concerned in poor Seward's death."

"Yes," said Joyce. "I knew it," snarled Storch. "I knew it—the murderer."

"No," said Joyce, "he is not a murderer—at least, not in my eyes."

"As I told you, Joyce," murmured Otto, gently.

"Yes, as you told me," said Joyce, remembering that right in the beginning Otto Rigg had let her into that much of the secret. She was moved by the fact that, after all, Otto had not been altogether reticent. "Yes, as you told me. He did not murder Mr. Seward Gamlin. That was suicide. He admitted his visit to Mr. Gamlin. He admitted that his visit was the cause of Mr. Gamlin's death, but he denied killing him, and, as I saw him a mile away from the house, and walking away, when Kite says that Mr. Gamlin was alive, there can be no doubt that he was right."

"Also the poison was undoubtedly self-administered," said Otto, who knew how to make the most of an attitude of impartiality. "I saw that. It was suicide, but why I myself adopted a—misleading attitude. Justice would not suffer by withholding the name of Martin Stannard, though I suspected he was the moral cause of Gamlin's death."

Otto looked at her shrewdly. "Did he give you any idea what he did to force poor Gamlin to take his life, Joyce?"

"He wouldn't tell me."

"No," sighed Otto, almost with relief. "He wouldn't. He doesn't. Did you gather anything from his attitude?"

"It was brutal," Joyce burst out. "Absolutely callous. He seemed more glad than not that he had caused Mr. Gamlin's death—even though he did not actually kill him."

"That is Martin Stannard, all over, Joyce," said Otto. "I called him a scoundrel, and he is. His very actions and manner prove it."

"Yes," burst out Storch, "he is an adjectival moral murderer, as well as other things. And it's about time we laid hands on him. Where's his hiding-place, miss?"

"I don't know," said Joyce. She explained how Stannard had made her walk away before he moved himself.

"It sounds like the Dark House," murmured Otto.

"It can't be," snarled Storch. "I had a man, dressed as a gas-man, go all over it this afternoon. There isn't a hint of him in the Dark House."

"Also he seemed to think you wouldn't find him there," said Joyce, and she told of how Martin Stannard had laughed and spoken when she told him that the Dark House was suspected.

"There you are," said Storch. "That clinches it. He isn't there."

"But he is in Greenhayle, hiding," said Otto, in a silky tone, "and you don't seem able to find him, Storch."

"Yes," muttered Storch, sullenly. "He's as cunning as the devil himself."

"Sometimes I think he is that personage," sighed Otto. He looked benevolently at Joyce. "And for that reason, my dear, I think you have had a narrow escape."

"From him?" said Joyce. "Oh, I don't think he would have harmed me."

"Don't go by appearances, my dear. Many people have trusted Martin Stannard's appearance to their sorrow. He is a scoundrel, Joyce. I've said it before, I repeat it. A scoundrel of the worst type, a blackguard who has brought untold suffering to thousands."

He saw the amazement in Joyce's face.

"Ah," he sighed, "it is hard to believe. And perhaps you have reason to wonder if I am telling the truth. But I don't ask you to go by a hard old man, an embittered old man like me, my dear. Others will tell you—this will tell you."

He passed over to her a late edition of a newspaper.

The newspaper was opened at an article dealing with the death of Seward Gamlin, and the wonderful gift he had made. The dramatic quality of these items seemed to have created a sensation.

It was a full article, containing the youthful pressman's report, a study of Seward Gamlin's career and other facts. But only one had any meaning for Joyce.

Her eyes had been arrested instantly by the name of Martin Stannard. Martin Stannard and the facts connected with him stood out while all the rest was a blur.

Martin Stannard was the sixth director of Consolidated Exploitations. Martin Stannard was the man who had absconded with the funds of that company and so brought about its crash. Martin Stannard was a thief wanted by the police.

(To be continued.)

EXECUTED IN CANTON.



Above are the "Red" leader, Chau Man-yung, and his wife who were executed in Canton a few days ago after the former had disclosed details of a proposed Communist coup in the city. (Photo by courtesy of the Wah Kui Yat Po).

HUMPHREYS ESTATE COMPANY.

TO-DAY'S MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS.

The annual ordinary general meeting of the Humphreys Estate and Finance Company, Limited, was held at the Hongkong Hotel this morning, when Mr. Henry Humphreys presided. Other Directors present were Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. J. M. Alves, and Mr. C. Gordon Mackie. Shareholders present were Mr. Frank Austin, Mr. M. Manuk, Mr. A. P. Samy, Mr. D. E. Clark, and Mr. J. D. Humphreys, with Mr. G. Rupp, Secretary.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

Chairman's Speech.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, I propose with your permission to take the report and statement of Accounts and auditors' report as read.

The accounts are simplicity itself, and call for little comment. The net profit for the year shows an increase of \$5,533.81 over the previous year, which your Directors think is quite satisfactory.

You will note that Typhoon and Floods Insurance Fund, and Special Repairs and Renewal Fund have been depleted by \$2,092.62 and \$18,680.41 respectively. The latter was larger than usual, as last year we had to give the periodical overhaul to the following buildings:—Carnarvon Buildings, Humphreys Buildings, Nathan Road Buildings, Abertholwyn and Ian Mor. I trust that you will approve of the proposed appropriations which will restore these funds to their former figures.

The only building operation undertaken during the year under review is the construction of four residential flats on May Road. These are now half completed and should be ready for occupation in July next.

I have no further comment to make, gentlemen, and after the accounts have been proposed and seconded, I shall be pleased to answer any question shareholders may put in regard to same.

Business Matters.

After being seconded by Mr. Austin, the report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

The Chairman proposed that Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. W. L. Patten, Mr. J. M. Alves and Mr. C. Gordon Mackie be re-elected as Directors. He explained that during the year Mr. A. O. Lang had resigned on leaving the Colony and his place was taken by Mr. L. J. Davies. Mr. Davies later resigned his seat on the board and Mr. C. Gordon Mackie was invited to fill the vacancy.

This proposition was seconded by Mr. M. Manuk, and was carried unanimously.

On the proposition of Mr. A. P. Samy, seconded by Mr. J. D. Humphreys, Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming and Messrs. Linstead and Davies were re-elected as auditors at a remuneration of \$250 each.

This concluded the business, and the Chairman announced that dividend warrants would be ready to-morrow morning.

New York, Dec. 27.—Three heavy steel girders crashed from a height of twenty stories to a street in the Wall-street district today, in the most crowded section of the city. A motor truck was crushed, and injuries were caused to pedestrians, details of which are still unknown.

SHAUKIWAN JUNK PIRACY.

FOUR MEN COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

The Police Court proceedings against four men who are charged with being concerned in the Shaukiwian junk piracy came to a conclusion this afternoon.

After records had been produced showing that in June, 1925, a man was banished whose finger-prints corresponded to those of the third accused, the statements of the men were taken, after they had been duly cautioned.

The first accused, in reply to the Bench, made this statement:—I have nothing much to say, except this, that I don't mind if I am sent to prison.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell:—You don't mind if you are sent to prison, but you will mind if you are shot.

Previous Trial.

In the case of the third accused, his man stated that he had nothing to say as regards the charge of armed robbery or that of returning from banishment, excepting that that sometime ago, he was tried at the Supreme Court and was discharged, but was re-arrested on coming out of the Court.

His Worship pointed out that this was irrelevant, but took it that what accused meant to say was that, despite the fact that he was found not guilty at the Criminal Sessions, he was banished.

Accused, however, made the further admission that he was sentenced to six months, this being on another charge.

His Worship thereupon told accused that it would have been better for him to have kept quiet about his previous conviction.

Silence Enjoined.

The fourth accused, in replying to charges of taking part in the piracy, of aiding and abetting and of being an accessory to the fact, in that he helped the robbers to dispose of the stolen pigs, made a statement to the effect that he and his father, who were fishermen, were acting under compulsion. When the pigs were landed at Shaukiwian, it was the second accused who, after paying him some money, enjoined on him the necessity of "keeping his mouth shut."

All the four accused were then committed for trial at the Supreme Court.

The major charge of armed robbery was amended in the case of the first and third accused to show reduced amounts. In the statement of the money, cargo and effects stolen in the piracy.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

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Nord-Deutscher Lloyd company said that it had been robbed of every ocean-going steamer, and that it was back in the position it occupied in 1867. The company's tonnage is now 840,000 while the Hamburg America company's is 1,023,000 tons. German competition with British tonnage is

facilitated because all German ships are new while British vessels are generally more than ten years old. A further impetus will be given to German shipping, when the sequestered ships held in the United States are released or indemnified. The German valuation of these ships is \$18,000,000.

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NAVY LEAGUE.

MARINE OFFICERS AS
MEMBERS.

That the maritime industry might provide further members of the local branch of the Navy League was suggested by Mr. W. J. Stokes at the annual meeting held in the board room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., yesterday when he asked if it was not possible to devise some further methods to attract the sympathies of a larger circle of Britishers.

Sir Henry Pollock, K. C., presided, and, commenting on the report and accounts, said it would be seen that the membership of the branch now stood at 229. He wanted specially to impress on the public of Hongkong generally that the number was insufficient for the reason that the head office in London had to spend considerable sums of money in propaganda work to counteract the forces of extremist pacifists.

As the energetic secretary of the League in London wrote on November 10 such propaganda on the part of the association was very necessary. In the letter the secretary said "we are engaged in combating the extremists of pacifism who are advocating 'making gestures to the world to disarm.' It is uphill work as they have a large following and much money."

Inadequate Membership.

Continuing, Sir Henry said that in these circumstances, and as the local branch sent money to the head office, he hoped that very shortly a large number of British residents in Hongkong would send in their names for membership.

The present total of 229 was very inadequate when one came to realize that the combined membership of the St. George's and St. Andrew's Societies was something like four times the figure. He would suggest that the members of those Societies join the Navy League in order to enable them to send money home to the head office—money which would be most usefully spent in work to show the need for a strong Navy.

After commenting on the modesty of the subscription and the nature of the League's publication, Sir Henry said that during the year the local branch had sent various telegrams home. On Nelson Day he heard the Hongkong telegram read out at a well attended Navy League banquet at the Hotel Cecil in London.

Energetic Home Body.

At the banquet were a number of prominent persons including Admiral Earl Beatty and Mr. Bridgeman, the First Lord of the Admiralty. Sir Henry said he was also present in the morning when Lady Sydenham laid a wreath on Nelson's tomb and at the service at St. Clement's Dane in the Strand when a stirring address was given by Prebendary Gough.

During his recent holiday he paid several visits to the office of the League in London and was invited to give his views on various matters in the Far East. At

H.M.S. CONCORD.

CAPTAIN FRIDHAM TO BE
IN COMMAND.

London, Feb. 8.
Captain A. F. Fridham, will command the cruiser Concord when she departs on the 15th inst. on her troping trip to China with gunboat reliefs.—*Reuter.*

that gathering there were present three or four members of Parliament.

From what he saw and heard in London he could assure the local branch that in London there was a very active and energetic body working wholeheartedly for the welfare of the Navy and for the maintenance of it at a proper standard for security and safety.

After again urging Britishers in Hongkong to join the League Sir Henry moved the adoption of the report and accounts, Mr. H. G. Williams seconding.

Mr. Stokes' Suggestion.

Before the report was approved Mr. W. J. Stokes said:

According to the report the addition to the membership roll during the year was 50, this is no doubt satisfactory in comparison with the total of 229 members.

From the latter figure, however, arises the more important and, if I may say so, unsatisfactory point that our membership is discouragingly low.

Considering the fact that there are over 1,000 natural born British Mercantile Officers constantly working out of Hongkong whose daily bread is actually earned, and eaten, at sea, besides many more of our compatriots domiciled here whose existence is absolutely dependent on ships and sea-borne trade, which is made possible only by the work of our ubiquitous Navy, it would seem that there should be no difficulty in making a very considerable addition to our membership.

The Mercantile Marine Officer on the China coast, even in plying times of peace, owes a very great debt to the Royal Navy, yet, although I have brought the matter of joining the Navy League before a large number of them, the response, or should I say the want of it has been very discouraging. One recruit to my credit.

Discouraging Result.

I do not understand this discouraging result, the mission of the League is important, its aims are truly patriotic and its appeal should be irresistible by any and every Briton who lived through the years 1914—1918.

We have on our roll a goodly number of the captains of maritime industry. Is it not possible that, by a judicious and encouraging word in season, they might materially assist in adding to our strength?

I know, Sir, that, as a very juvenile member, I lay myself open to the retort courteous ancient "new brooms," but, at the risk of that, I ask whether it is not possible to devise some further methods by which we can attract the

THE KUOMINTANG.

TWO NEW COUNCILS.

Shanghai, Feb. 8.
According to reports from Nan-king it has been decided that the Government Council shall consist of forty-nine members whereof the standing Committee will consist of Tan Yeh-kai as chairman, and Li Lieh-chun, Tsai Yuan-pai, Chang Ching-kiang, Yu Yueh-jen, while the Military Council totals seventy-three with a standing committee of twelve leading Nationalist generals with Chiang Kai-shek as chairman.—*Reuter.*

Shanghai, Feb. 2.
The report of the 4th Plenary meeting of the Kuomintang Conference has been officially circulated in the form of a manifesto which contains the following important decisions:

(1) Internal constructive schemes shall be carried out according to the reconstruction plans of Dr. Sun.

(2) Full protection shall be given for the independence of education. Strict regulations shall be introduced to prevent youths from running into too extreme conservatism.

(3) In order to improve economic conditions special attention shall be given to the development of agriculture and industry.

(4) The whole country shall strive for the freedom of the Nation and the abolition of all unequal treaties. It is necessary to make the Powers understand that peace in China means peace in the world, so it is necessary to give reasonable assistance to China in her constructive work.

(5) The Northern expedition shall be completed in the shortest time.

(6) Reorganization of the Kuomintang must be solely based on the spirit of Nationalism. Its future should be confined to the building up of China.—*Wah Kiu Yat Po.*

sympathies of a larger circle of our compatriots.

I have only one recruit to my credit. I have done my little best but sadly failed.

Officers Elected.

Sir Henry said they were much indebted to Mr. Stokes for his very useful suggestion which would be carefully considered by the incoming committee with a view to deciding how they should submit an appeal to the Mercantile Marine.

The report and accounts were passed and the following officers elected.

President: Sir Henry Pollock, K. C., Vice-president, Mr. Paul Lauder, Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. J. Bird, Hon. Secretary Mr. C. P. Marcel. Committee: Commodore J. L. Pearson C.M.G., Mr. W. A. Dowley, Mr. A. L. Shields, and Mr. R. Sutherland.

A warm tribute was paid to the work of the retiring Hon. Secretary, Mr. L. M. Whyte, the chairman expressing the hope that he would have a pleasant holiday in England. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. Ltd., for the use of the board room.



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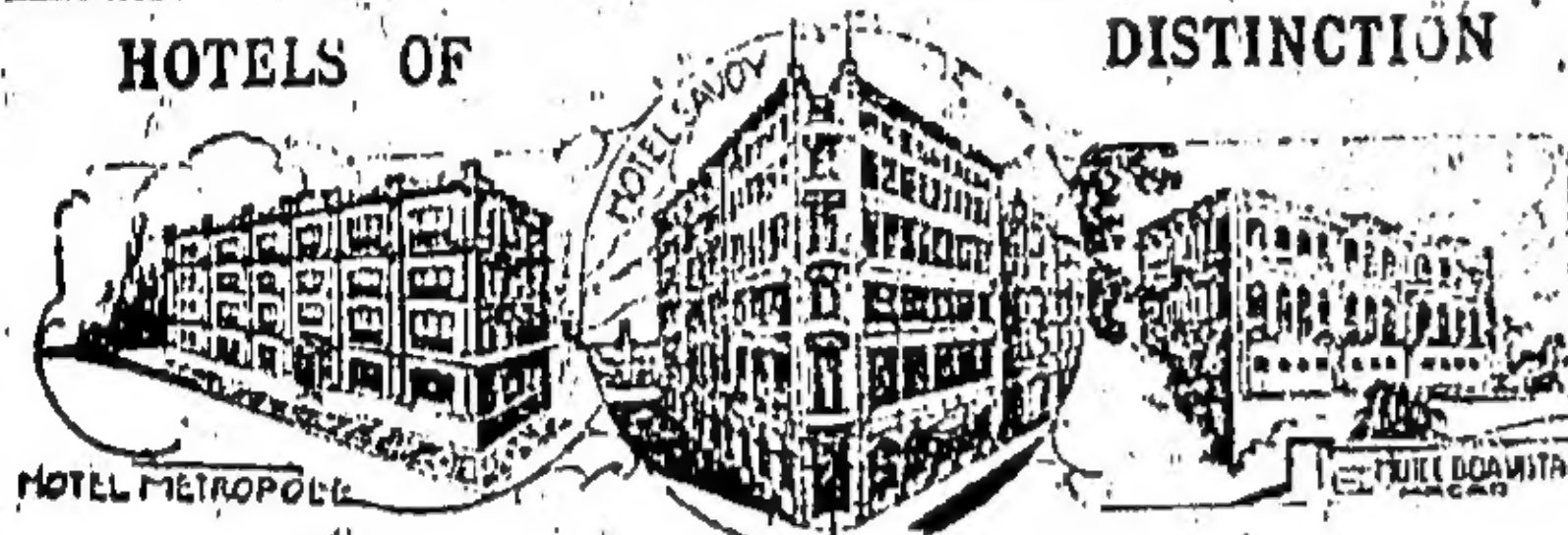
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claim where a felony or misdemeanor was involved and no criminal action taken.

He explained what action had been taken with regard to the man's property left in the Colony, which had realised about \$1,000. Mr. Jenkin handed to His Lordship a document showing the freight charges by various shipping agents compared with those charged by the defendant to his firm. His Lordship commented that it was astonishing that such a big overcharge should have been carried on for so long.

Sir Henry Gollan pointed out that in one instance whereas the shipping agent's charge was 75 cents a case the defendant had charged his firm at the rate of \$5 per case. In another instance he had charged nine times as much.

Great War Charges.

Evidence was given by an employee of the Company, and Sir Henry Gollan asked: "Is it not a remarkable thing that you should have paid so much more freight than actually charged by the shippers?"

Witness replied that during the time of the Great War shipping charges rose considerably.

His Lordship then pointed out an instance of March 22, 1923, about four and a half years after the war ended, when 151 cases of goods were shipped to Newchang and the proper freight rate was \$91. The amount actually handed over to the defendant by the Kwong Sang Hong was \$624-\$633 in excess being more than five times the amount of the correct charge.

Mysterious Business.

Sir Henry Gollan (to witness): It seems to me very remarkable that you should not have realised that you were being overcharged?

Witness explained that when the defendant came back from the shipping agents he gave different measurements as regards the shipments.

His Lordship said it was extraordinary that the defendant, being paid \$21 a month, should have been trusted to the extent that statements he made were taken for granted.

Commenting that it was a mysterious business His Lordship said he would have thought that disaster would have overtaken the man many years ago.

The case is proceeding.

BRITISH POLICY TO
AMERICA.

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Bryan-Spring Rice Treaty, which provides that before we enter into any dispute the matter should be referred to a Commission of Conciliation and that a year's time should be given and we should await the report of that Commission before we take to arms. I am not at all sure that at the present stage in Europe it may not be the case that the next advance may be made rather along the lines of that Treaty than along the strict lines of arbitration agreements. At any rate, when we are talking about Treaties of Arbitration, let us not forget the very important and very useful and salutary provisions of the Treaty signed between the late Mr. Bryan and the late Sir Cecil Spring Rice.

"I can scarcely speak of arbitration with the United States, either in its narrow or larger sense," added Sir Austen Chamberlain, "without saying once again that whatever our position—and let us make it the best we can for the British Government—war with the United States is unthinkable, and the prospect of war with the United States, or preparation for war with the United States, has never been and will never be the basis of our policy in any field."—British Wireless.

WOMAN HAWKER'S
STORY.TALE OF POLICE ASSAULT
DISBELIEVED.

When a Chinese woman was charged before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with hawking without a licence, she produced what purported to be a temporary licence issued to her by the police.

It was found, on examination, that the "chit" was issued in another name, and, to explain the discrepancy, the woman stated that she was so severely beaten by an Indian constable that she could hardly speak and it was possible that the interpreter had inadvertently written a wrong name on the charge sheet. As proof of the assault, the defendant volunteered to take off her coat and show the Magistrate the marks made on her back.

His Worship:—That does not show that they were caused by the constable. Your husband might have hit you.

INDIAN ASSEMBLY
SURPRISE.DRAMA OF WITHHELD
VOTE.WARNINGS OF GOVERNMENT
IGNORED.

RESERVE BANK BILL.

New Delhi, Feb. 8.
During the discussion in the Assembly of the Reserve Bank Bill, Sir Basil Blackett repeated his previous warnings against the members trying to force unacceptable amendments on the Government.

Sir Basil again stressed the attitude of the Government, that they would under no circumstances support a Bank whose directors were selected by the Legislature. Subsequently, an amendment which was directed at deleting the provision for the election of three directors by the Legislature, one of whom should represent commerce and industry, was defeated.

Dramatic Scenes.

Later, however, a division on Clause Eight providing for the appointment of the Directorate, which was moved by Sir Basil Blackett resulted in an equal vote, 49 voting for and 49 against.

Before the result was handed to the President it was intimated that Mr. Chaubury, who had refused to vote in the Lobby, had changed his mind and wished to record his vote against the Clause.

Government Defeated.

The President allowed Mr. Chaubury to vote and this turned the tables against the Government.

Sir Basil Blackett addressing the Assembly after the result of the division had been announced, said that the Government would now consider whether the House wanted the Bill, and the House adjourned.—Reuters.

Feature of Bill.

According to a Reuter message from New Delhi recently, the revised Gold Standard and Reserve Bank of India Bill contains as its leading feature, an arrangement for the new Bank being a shareholders' bank held widely all over the country, no shareholder to have more than 20,000 rupees in shares, and whatever the value of the share, each holder to have only one vote.

As regards the process of electing the directors, five Indian centres are each to have a register of shareholders and the shareholders of the five registers will elect delegates once in every five years in accordance with the following quota:
Bombay, Calcutta, and Delhi 24 each and Madras and Rangoon 10 each. These 92 delegates will constitute an electoral college which will elect 11 delegates, three each for the Bombay, Calcutta, and Delhi registers, and one each for Madras and Rangoon.

The Directorate.

Besides these 11 elected directors there will be 13 other directors, of whom one will be a Government official, who will not, however, vote, and the remaining 12 will be the Governor and two Deputy-Governors of the bank, four directors nominated by the Governor-General in Council, two elected by the Associated Chambers of Commerce, and two by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce. The remaining one will be elected by the provincial co-operative banks to represent agricultural interests.

The first board of directors will be entirely nominated, and their tenure has been so variedly fixed that when followed by the five-yearly elections there will always be in the directors' directorate a sufficient body of directors conversant with the working of the central bank.

The bank-notes will be guaranteed by the Governor-General in Council, and the signature of an officer of the Government and an engraving of the King's portrait will ensure the public confidence.

In view of the delay in the enactment, power has been given to the Government to postpone the operation of the bank if necessary from July 1, 1928, by a year at a time, subject to a maximum postponement of three years. It is hoped, however, that the bank may operate within the time prescribed by the Currency Commission, or not very much later.

The defendant:—My husband has been dead for some years.

The Indian constable, when challenged with the defendant's allegations, denied that he struck her. His Worship disbelieved the defendant's explanation of the difference in the names, and imposed a fine of \$4.

TARIFF AUTONOMY
FOR CHINA.

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cognition of the unanimity of the House in respect of the declaration made in the King's Speech regarding British policy towards China. That policy was the result of mature consideration.

As was stated at the time, the moment of its application must be dependent on circumstances which were, and are beyond our control, but to that policy we had remained faithful, and as was made clear yesterday, it was no party question but was the expression of goodwill and friendship from the people of this country towards the people of China and their legitimate aspirations.

We had, indeed, no other interests in China than that our traders should be allowed to pursue their legitimate vocations as traders in peace and security, and we were prepared to meet Chinese aspirations for the revision of treaties in a most liberal spirit, provided only that security were given for the lawful occupations of our people.

Labour Impatience.

Referring to the impatience shown by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald that more progress had not been made, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that China was still broken with civil war. It was without any government that could speak in the name of the whole of the Chinese people.

Indeed, Governments came and went, as leaders came and went, and rose and fell, and there could be no more difficult problem than to carry out wishes of the British Government on the policy that they had announced.

The Surtax provisionally agreed to, was being paid by British subjects throughout China, but the British Government objected, and must continue to object, to illegal levies, which were continually cropping up in different parts of China in this or that passing local authority.

The British Government had already recognised the modern Chinese law court in cases where a British subject is the plaintiff or complainant.

The third branch of our programme was to surrender, by negotiations, our special rights in British concessions. He wished he could give a more satisfactory account of the state of things which had prevailed since the surrender of Hankow. He could not say it was wholly encouraging.

No Responsible Govt. Could Leave.

Referring to the reduction of the British Defence Force in China, Sir Austen said that land forces had been already reduced from 12,500 to 4,500 and orders had been given for the withdrawal of another battalion.

"I shall be as glad," he declared, "as members in any other part of the House when conditions of order and security in China make the total withdrawal of that force possible. That time has not come yet, and I venture to say, no responsible Government could leave our Concessions there without something more than normal protection in the conditions which still prevail."

"I must mention with regret the failure of any Chinese authorities in that part of the country to give satisfaction, up to date, for the outrages perpetrated at Nanking. It is impossible for our Consul to re-occupy the Consulate, which, even at this moment, is occupied unlawfully by Chinese troops and no sort of satisfaction has hitherto been offered for the outrage to life and property and of national dignity inflicted on us as upon other nations."

Better Appreciation.

"The situation is undoubtedly better than it was a year ago. In particular, the anti-Foreign character of the agitations carried on, and still more, the anti-British character of the agitations, has changed, and I think there is beginning to be among the Chinese people a better appreciation of the real goodwill of the British Government and the British people."

"They are beginning to consider all the liberalities and the friendship implied and involved, not only in the declaration which we published a year ago, but in our actions since that time."

FRESH MONSOON EXPECTED.

The Royal Observatory report to-day states: The anticyclone has weakened slightly and is now central to the north of Shanghai. Fresh monsoon may be expected along the south-east coast of China and over the China Sea.

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